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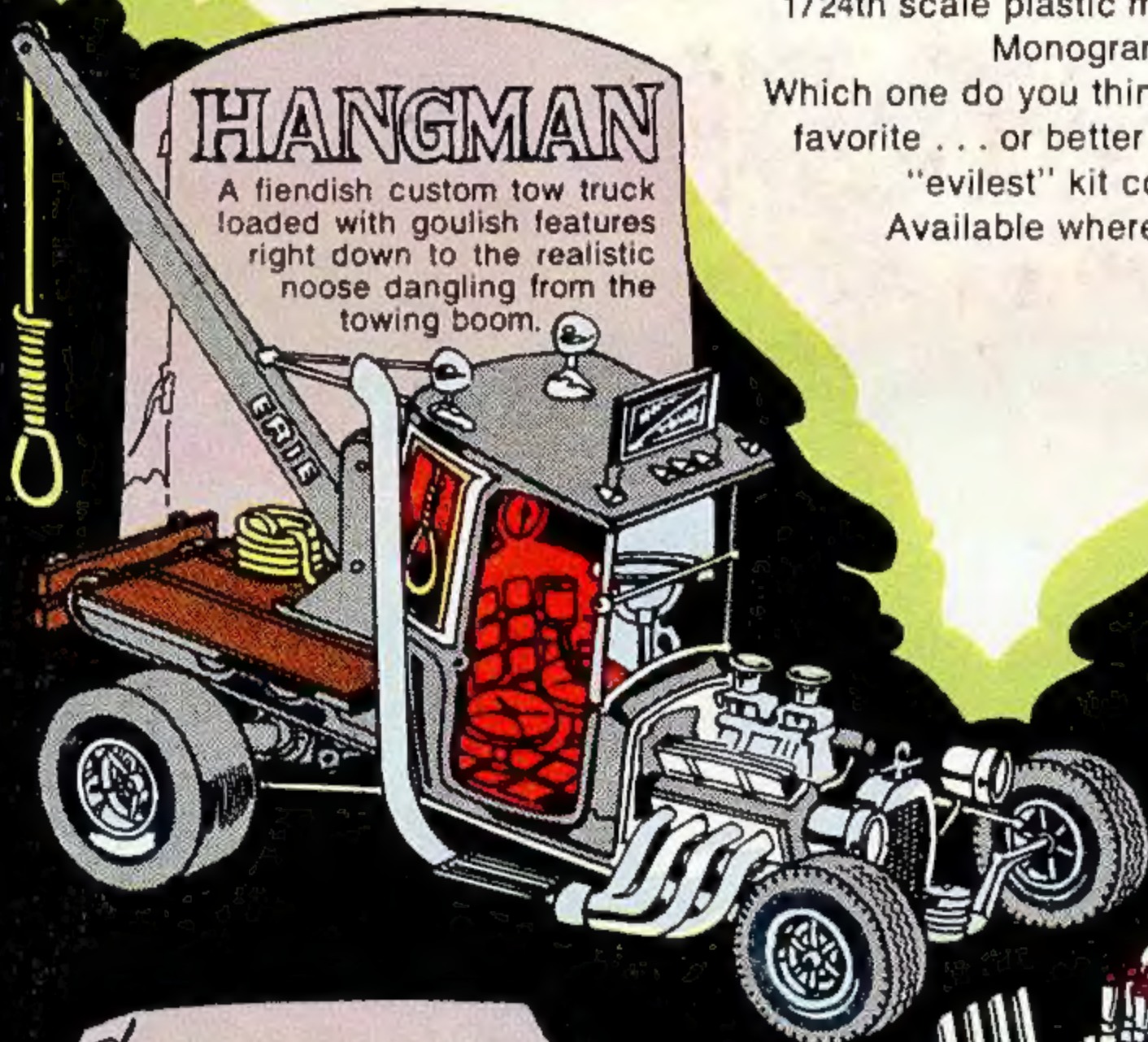
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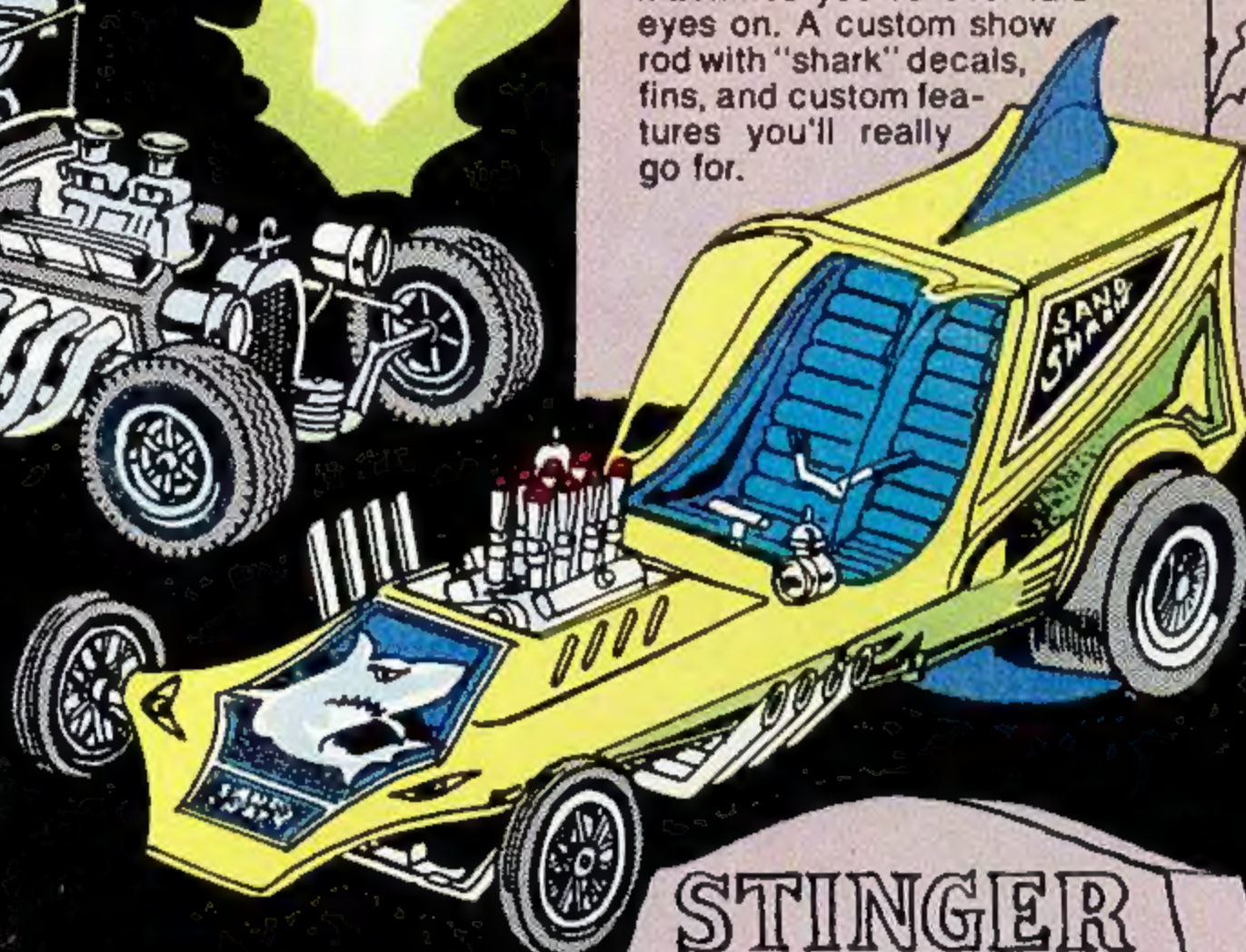
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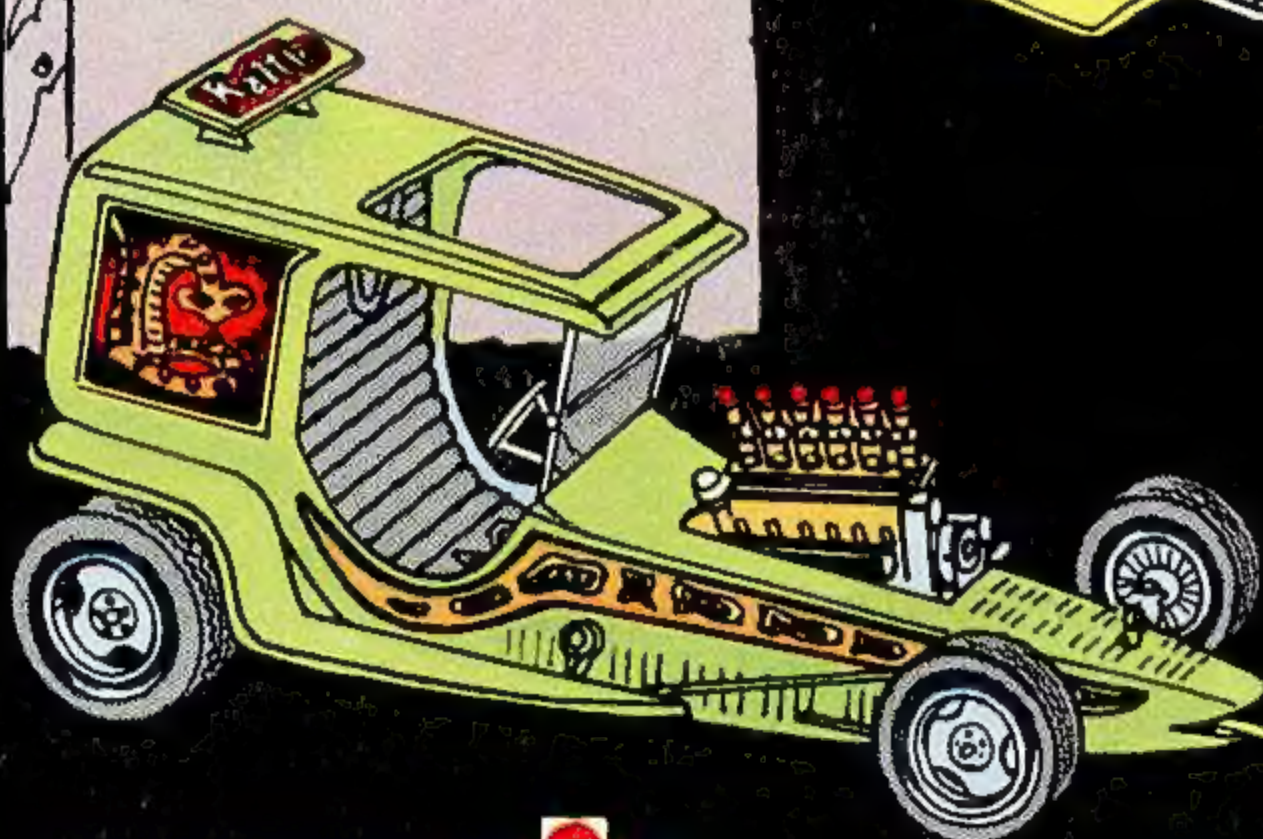
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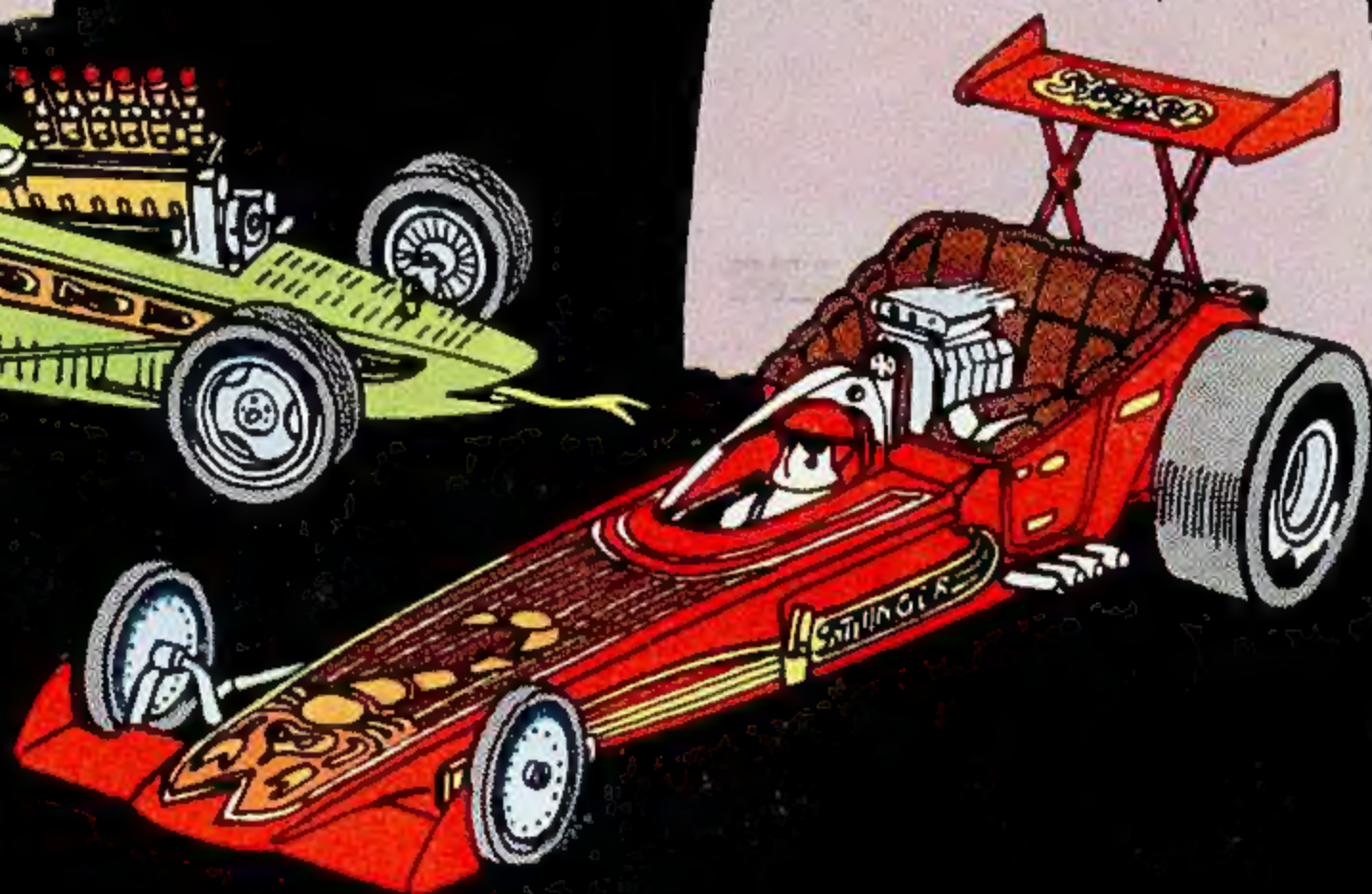
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HAS COME TO FACE
EVIL BARON MORDO
ONCE MORE!

MY JOURNEY IS ENDED!
I'VE BRIDGED THE
ENDLESS GAP BETWEEN
DIMENSIONS! I'M BACK
ON EARTH!

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I'LL RETRIEVE MY STREET CLOTHES WHERE I LEFT THEM!

BUT, I CANNOT YET RETURN TO MY DWELLING, FOR MORDO'S DEMONS ARE STILL ON GUARD!



YET, I STILL POSSESS ONE ADVANTAGE! MORDO HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT I HAVE RETURNED!

I SHALL USE THESE PRECIOUS MOMENTS TO VISIT THE AILING ANCIENT ONE!



MINUTES LATER... FIRST, I NEED A HAVEN--A PLACE WHERE MY BODY WILL BE SAFE!

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AND NOW, WHILE MY HELPLESS PHYSICAL BODY REMAINS TOTALLY MOTIONLESS, MY ECTOPLASMIC SPIRIT FORM SHALL FLY TO THE SANCTUM OF MY VENERABLE MASTER!



THE QUICKEST WAY TO REACH TIBET IS BY JOURNEYING THRU THE CORE OF EARTH!

FORTUNATELY, NO HUMANS CAN SEE ME WHILE I OCCUPY MY SPIRIT FORM!



TIME, DISTANCE, AND PHYSICAL OBSTACLES ARE VIRTUALLY MEANINGLESS TO ONE'S ECTOPLASMIC FORM! THIS, SCANT SECONDS LATER...

I HAVE ARRIVED! BY THE SEVEN RINGS OF RAGGADORR, LET MY FORM BE VISIBLE TO THOSE WITHIN THIS CHAMBER!

YOUNG MASTER! YOU HAVE RETURNED! THE VISHANTI BE PRAISED!



THE ANCIENT ONE HAS BEEN IN A COMA SINCE YOU LEFT! EACH DAY HE GROWS WEAKER!

BUT, IT IS BEYOND MY POOR POWERS TO AID HIM! I COULD ONLY PRAY FOR YOUR RETURN!

HE IS WEAK! HE NEEDS STRENGTH!



MANY TIMES, IN HIS COMA, HE MUTTERED A WORD-- ONLY ONE WORD, OVER AND OVER AGAIN! THE WORD-- ETERNITY!

NO TIME FOR THAT NOW! I MUST REPLENISH HIS STRENGTH QUICKLY-- BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!



LET THE POWER OF MY ENCHANTED AMULET BATHE THEE, VENERABLE MASTER! LET ITS STRENGTH BECOME THY STRENGTH!

ENOUGH! TOO STRONG A DOSE COULD PROVE FATAL!



I MUST GO NOW! I SHALL RETURN PERIODICALLY TO RE-ADMINISTER THE AMULET'S POWER!

TILL THEN, GUARD HIM WELL, FAITHFUL ONE-- WHILE I PONDER THE MEANING OF-- ETERNITY!



MORDO'S EVIL SPIRITS STILL SEARCH THE CAVERNS BENEATH THIS LAND, SEEKING THE ANCIENT ONE! MAY THE VAPORS OF VALTORR BLIND THEIR EYES!



HERE, WITHIN THE MASTER'S NOW-DESERTED RETREAT, AMONG HIS BOOKS AND PAPERS, I MAY FIND WHAT I SEEK!

MORDO HAS TOUCHED NOTHING! HE CARES NAUGHT FOR KNOWLEDGE -- ONLY FOR POWER!



THEN, USING THE UNCANNY POWER OF HIS AMULET'S MYSTIC EYE, THE MASTER OF BLACK MAGIC SCANS EVERY VOLUME WITHOUT TOUCHING A PAGE, BUT TO NO AVAIL!

IT IS NO USE! THERE IS NO REFERENCE TO ETERNITY!



AND, AS THE EYE RETURNS TO ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE WITHIN THE ENCHANTED GEM...

IF THE MASTER SAID IT, IT MUST BE IMPORTANT! I SHALL NOT REST TILL I LEARN ITS MEANING!



BUT, AS THE SILENT ECTOPLASMIC FIGURE GLIDES THRU A WALL...

I FORGOT TO DISSOLVE THE SPELL OF VISIBILITY WHICH I CAST OVER MYSELF! ONE OF MORDO'S SPIRITS SEES ME!



AND, AT THAT VERY INSTANT...

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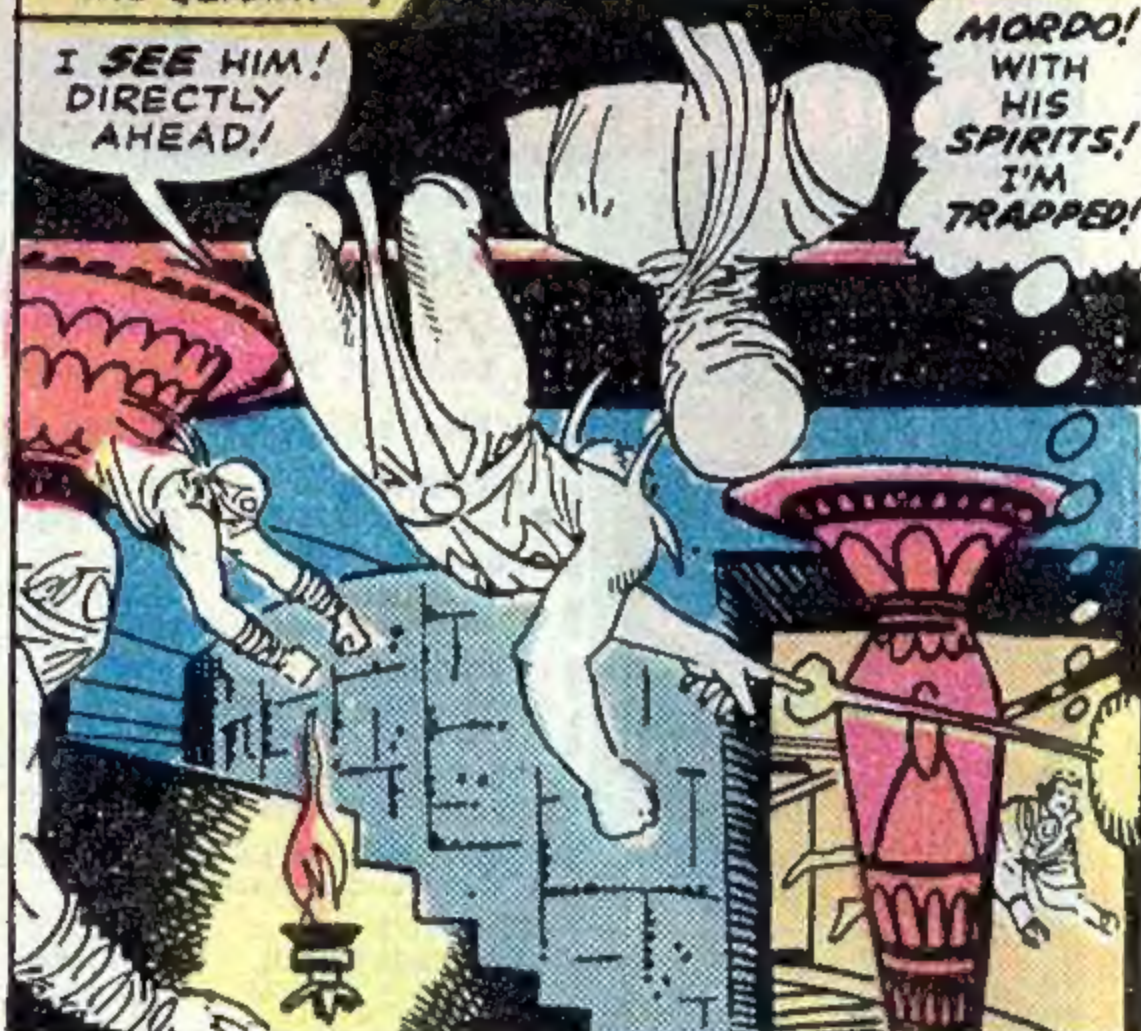
AFTER HIM, MORDO! HAVE NO FEAR! I, THE DREAD DORMAMMU, SHALL FEED YOU ENDLESS MYSTIC POWER AS YOU NEED IT!



THUS, WITHIN SECONDS, THE EVIL MORDO SIGHTS HIS QUARRY--!

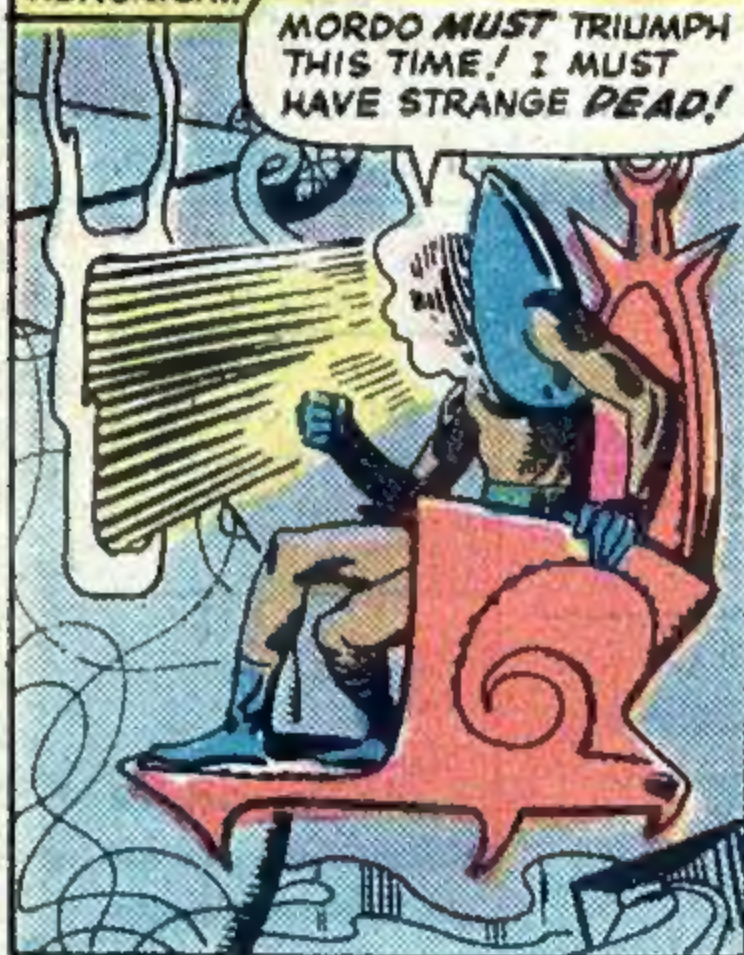
I SEE HIM! DIRECTLY AHEAD!

MORDO! WITH HIS SPIRITS! I'M TRAPPED!



AND, AN INDESCRIBABLE DISTANCE AWAY, IN THE MACABRE DARK DIMENSION, DORMAMMU WATCHES HUNGRILY...

MORDO MUST TRIUMPH THIS TIME! I MUST HAVE STRANGE DEAD!



ONCE HE IS GONE, I'LL BE FREE OF MY OATH! I'LL BE ABLE TO COME TO EARTH IN PERSON, AND CONQUER IT WITH MY MYSTIC SPELLS!

AGAIN THE DREADED ONE HURLS HIS POWER AGAINST THE NOBLE DR. STRANGE!



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DR. STRANGE BEFRIENDED ME! I MUST AID HIM NOW! THERE IS ONLY ONE THING THAT CAN SAVE HIM!

NO MATTER WHAT THE COST--I MUST DO IT!



MEANWHILE...

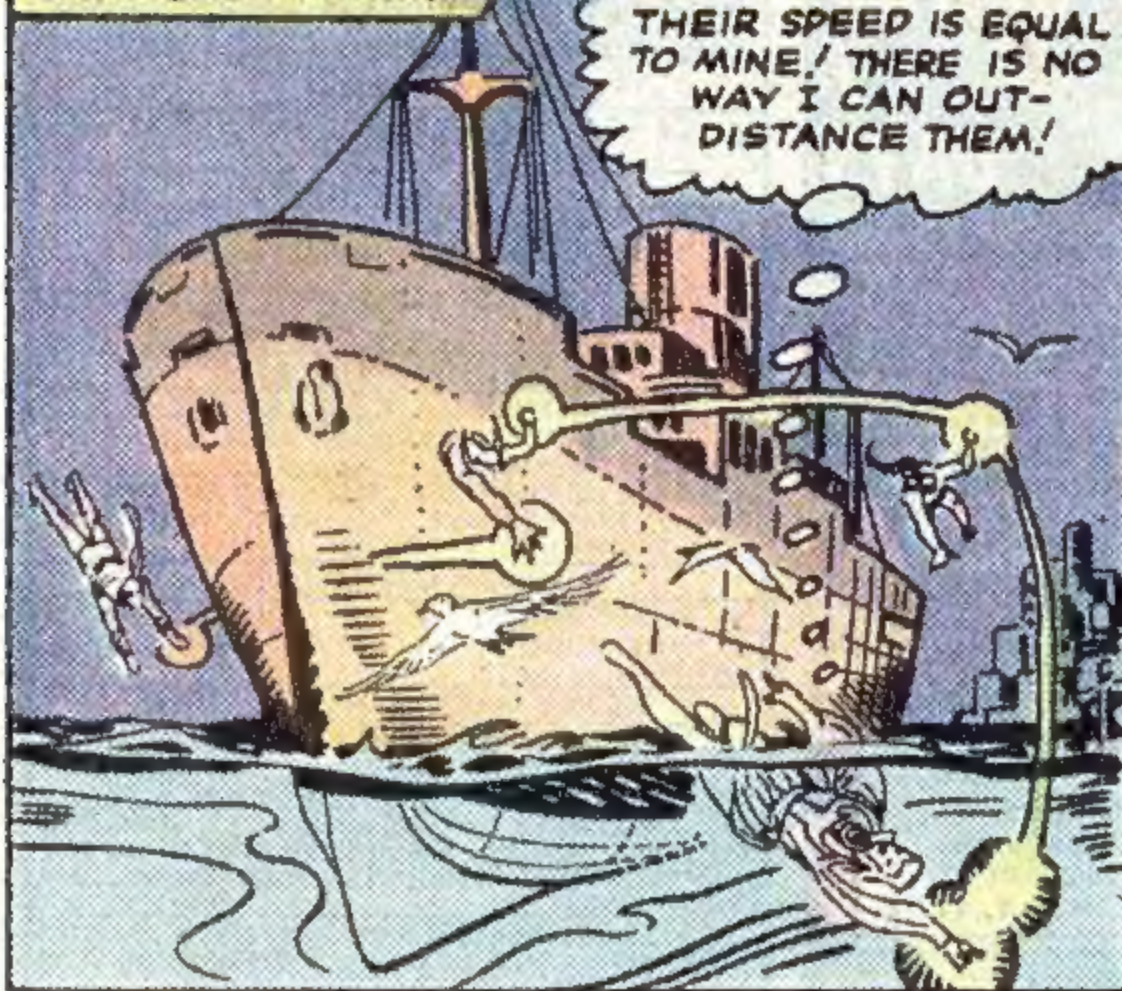
IT'S TOO CRAMPED DOWN HERE! I MUST BATTLE MY WAY TO THE SURFACE ONCE MORE-- I CAN BE TOO EASILY TRAPPED WITHIN THESE CAVERNS!



YOU WON'T ESCAPE ME THIS TIME, STRANGE! THERE IS NO PLACE YOU CAN GO WHERE I CANNOT FOLLOW!



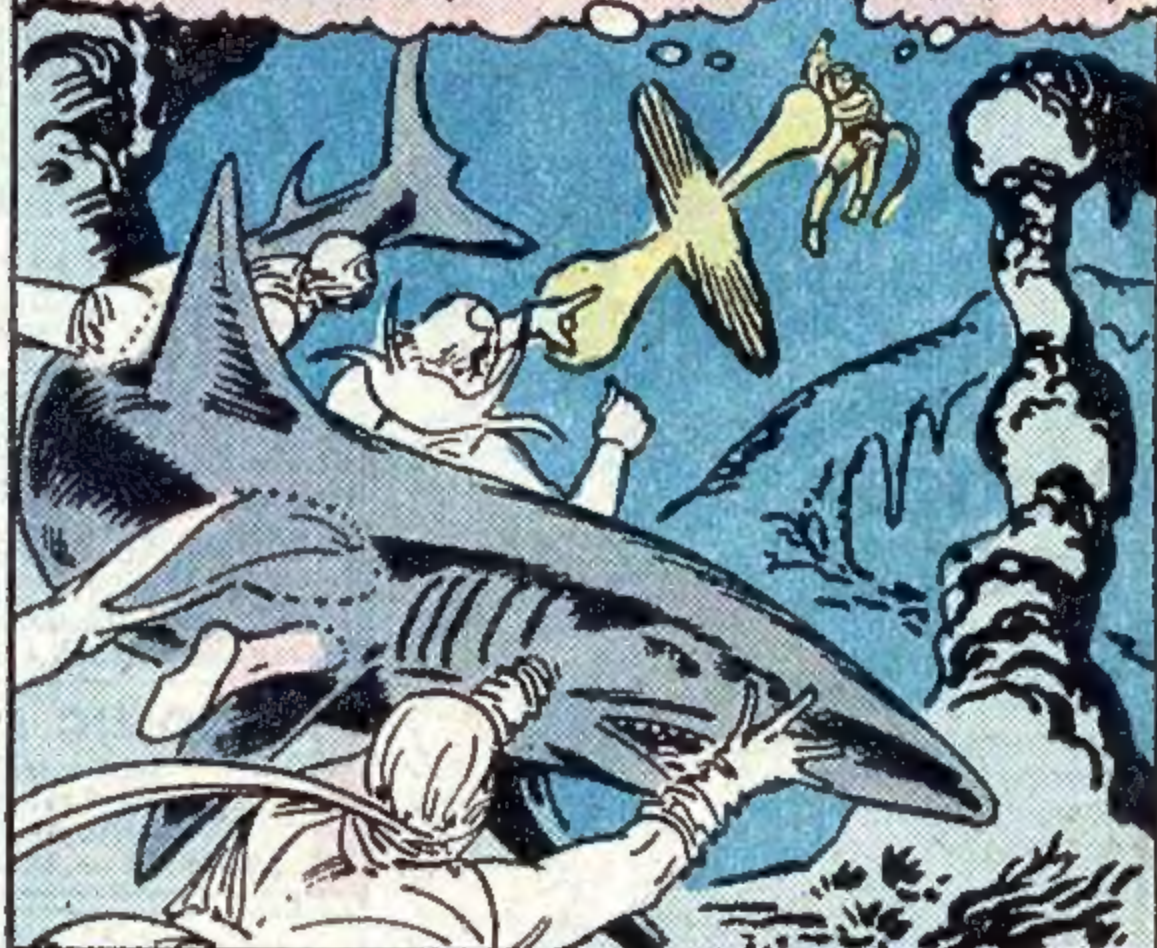
CLEAR ACROSS THE SURFACE OF EARTH, THE ECTOPLASMIC FIGURES SPEED, INVISIBLE TO ALL SAVE EACH OTHER...



THEIR SPEED IS EQUAL TO MINE! THERE IS NO WAY I CAN OUT-DISTANCE THEM!

AND MORDO CAN TRANSFER HIS POWER TO ANY OF HIS SPIRITS AT WILL! SO THEY ARE ALL EQUALLY STRONG!

BUT, I MUST NOT DESPAIR! TOO MUCH IS AT STAKE!



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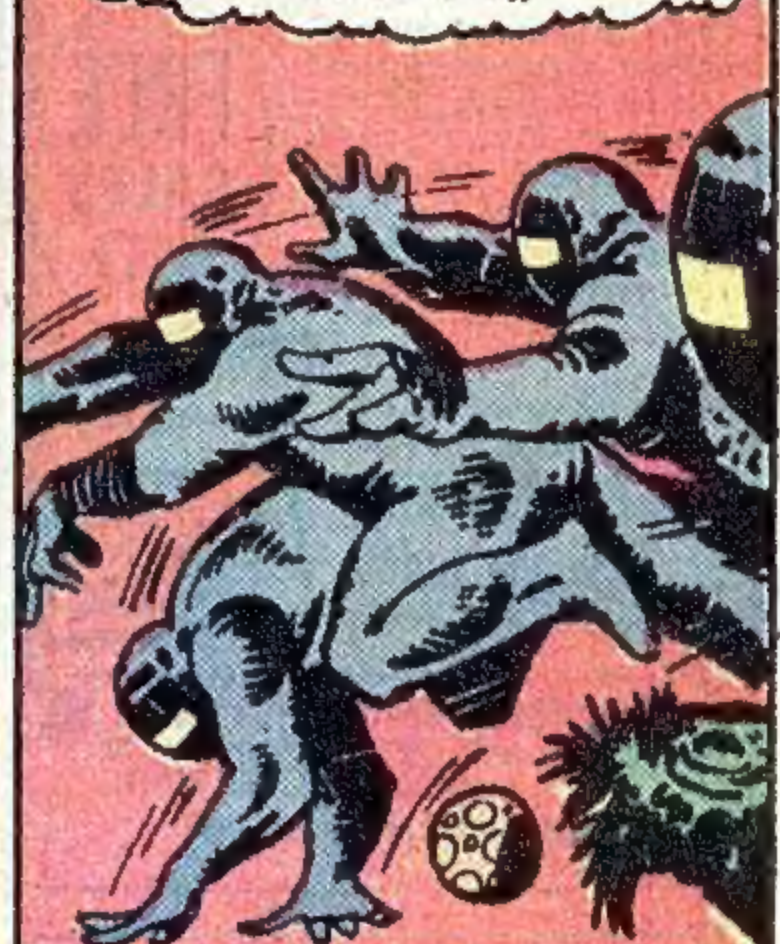
ONLY DORMAMMU'S MYSTIC BARRIER KEEP THEM AT BAY! BUT, THIS DEVICE WHICH I HAVE SEIZED, CAN WEAKEN THE BARRIER--!



I SHALL LEAVE IT THERE, WHILE I FLEE! EACH SECOND IT WILL MAKE THE SHIELD WEAKER, AND WEAKER...



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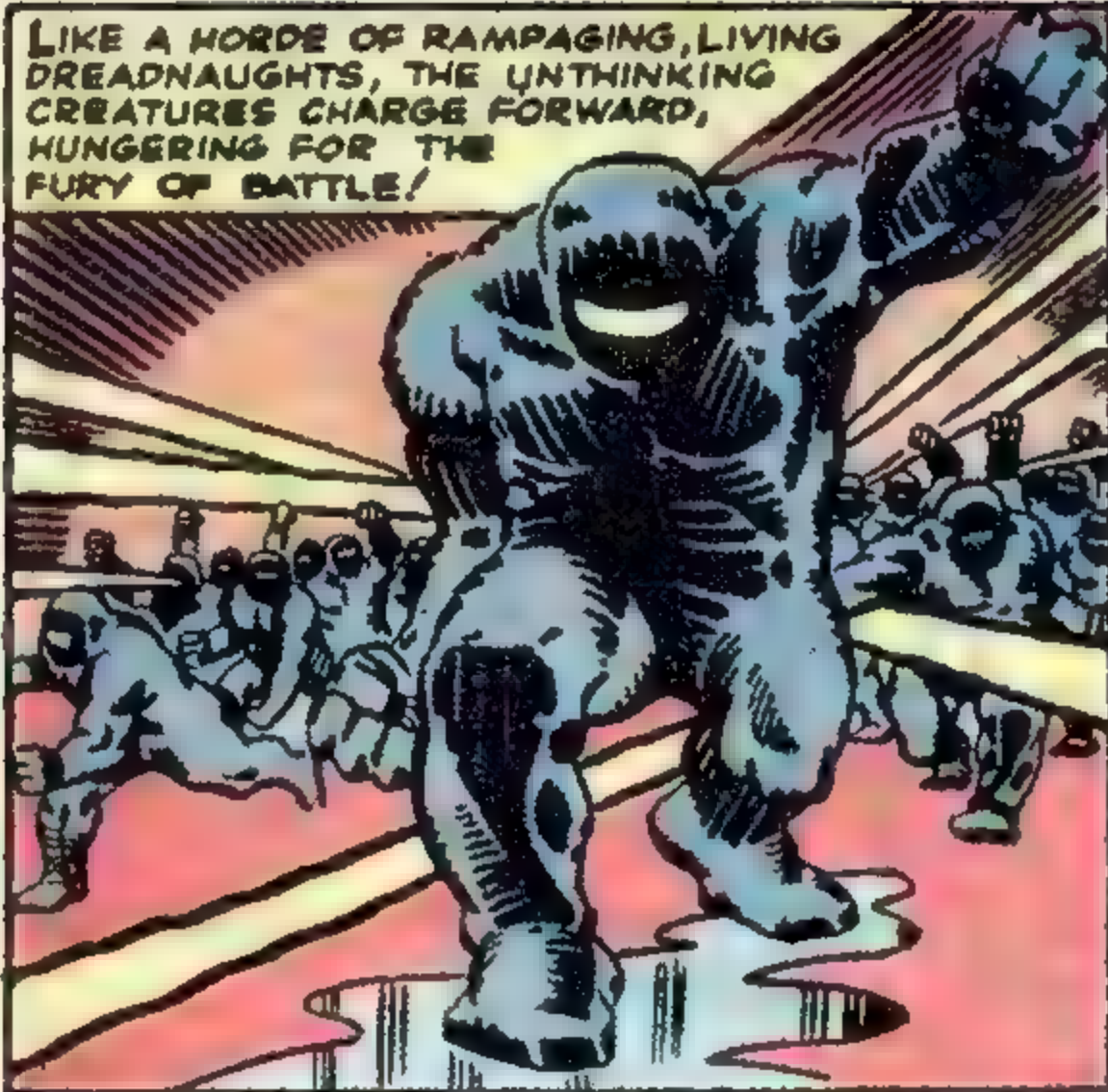
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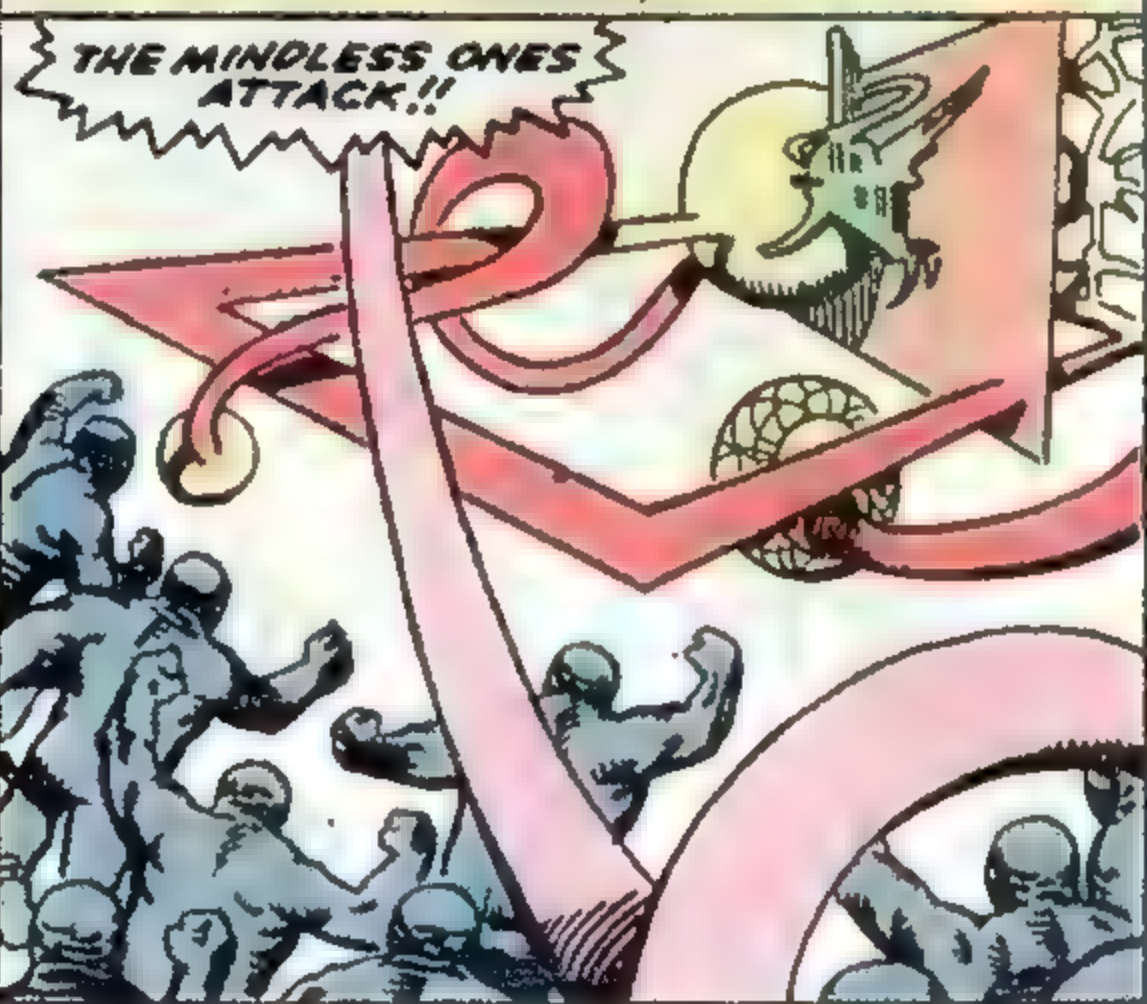
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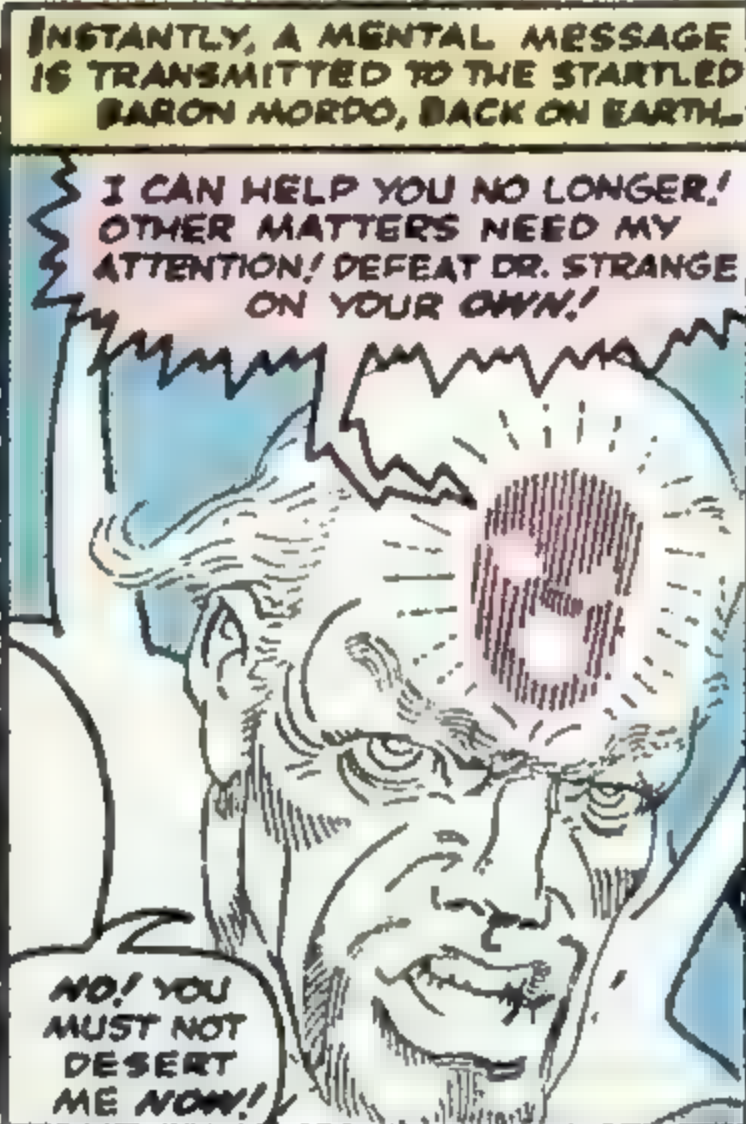
BUT, AT THE BORDER OF DORMAMMU'S DOMAIN, AN ALARM IS SOUNDED, AND THE DREADED ONE IS WARNED!



INSTANTLY, A MENTAL MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED TO THE STARTLED BARON MORDO, BACK ON EARTH.

I CAN HELP YOU NO LONGER! OTHER MATTERS NEED MY ATTENTION! DEFEAT DR. STRANGE ON YOUR OWN!

NO! YOU MUST NOT DESERT ME NOW!

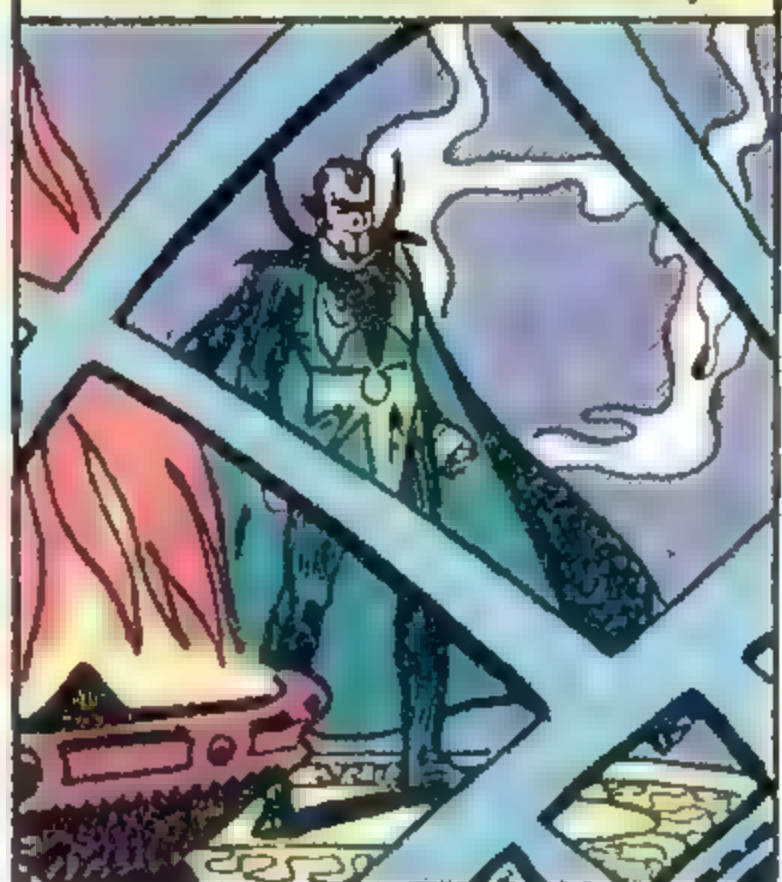


I MUST! BUT STRANGE WILL NOT KNOW YOU ARE LESS POWERFUL! YOU CAN STILL DEFEAT HIM!

DORMAMMU! DORMAMMU! WAIT! COME BACK! COME BACK!



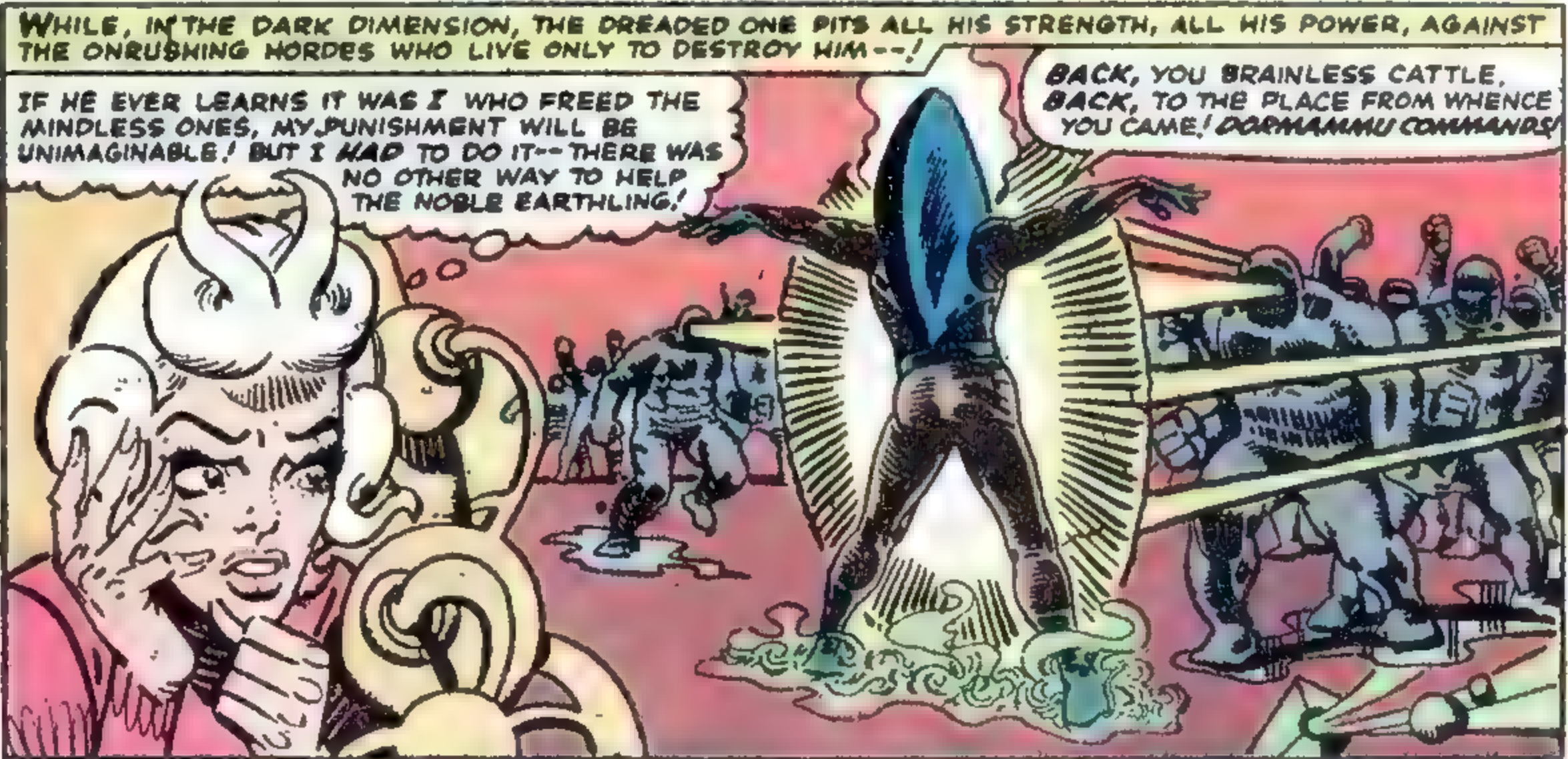
BUT, IN THE FORMER RETREAT OF THE ANCIENT ONE, WHERE MORDO'S MOTIONLESS PHYSICAL FIGURE STANDS, THE DIMENSIONAL-SCREEN GOES BLANK-- AND SILENCE FILLS THE SHADY CHAMBER!

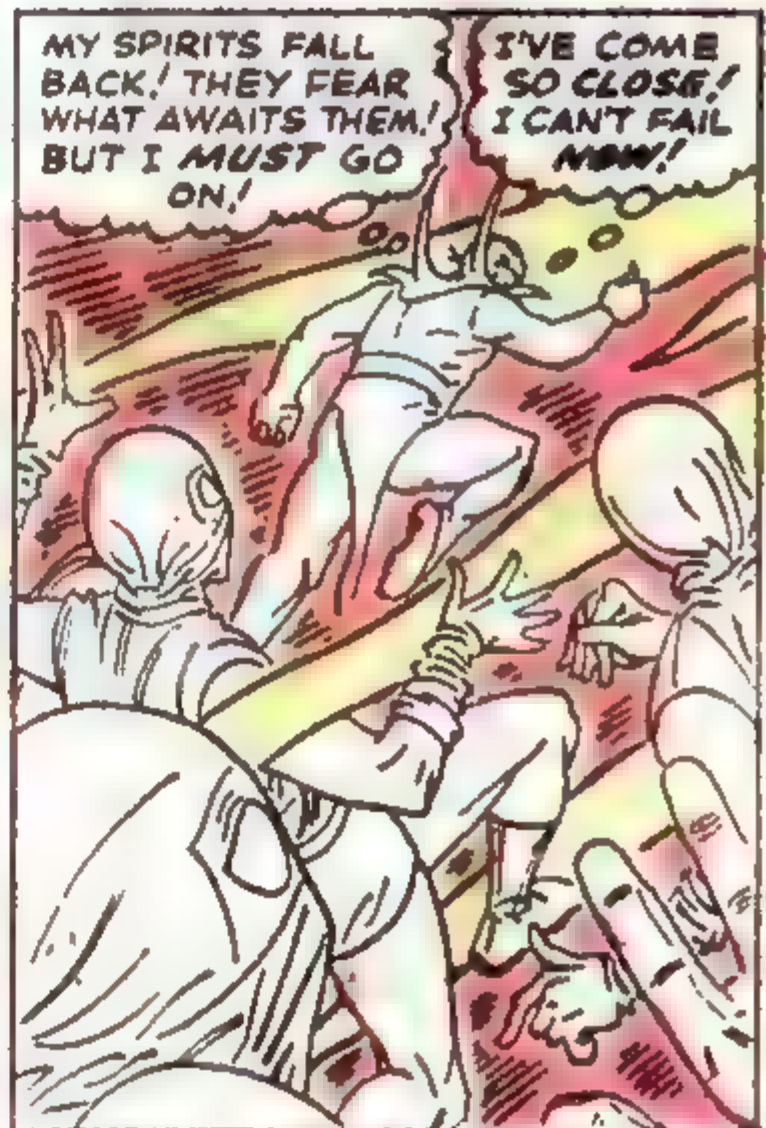
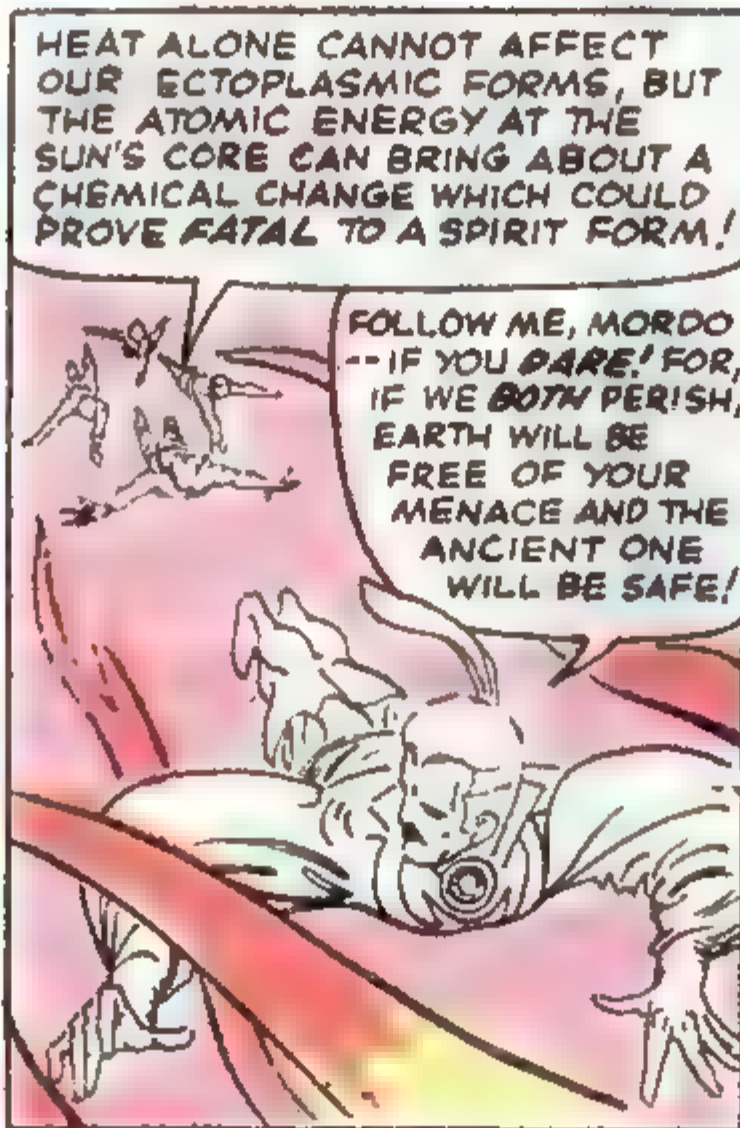
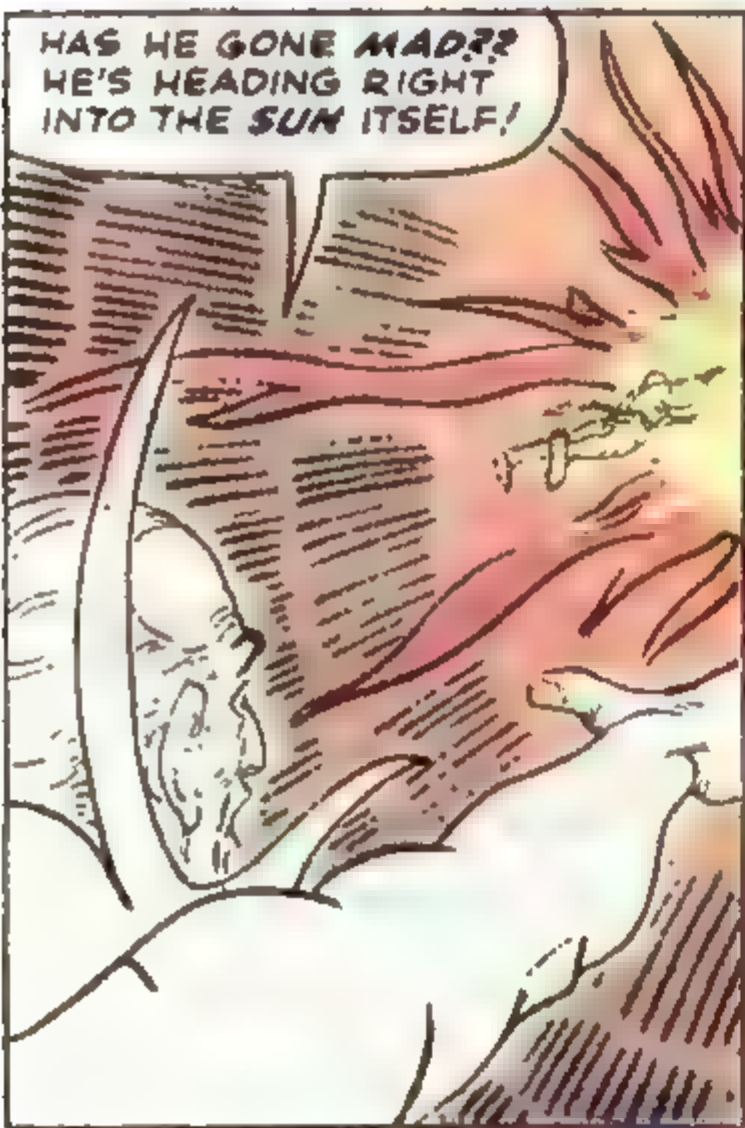
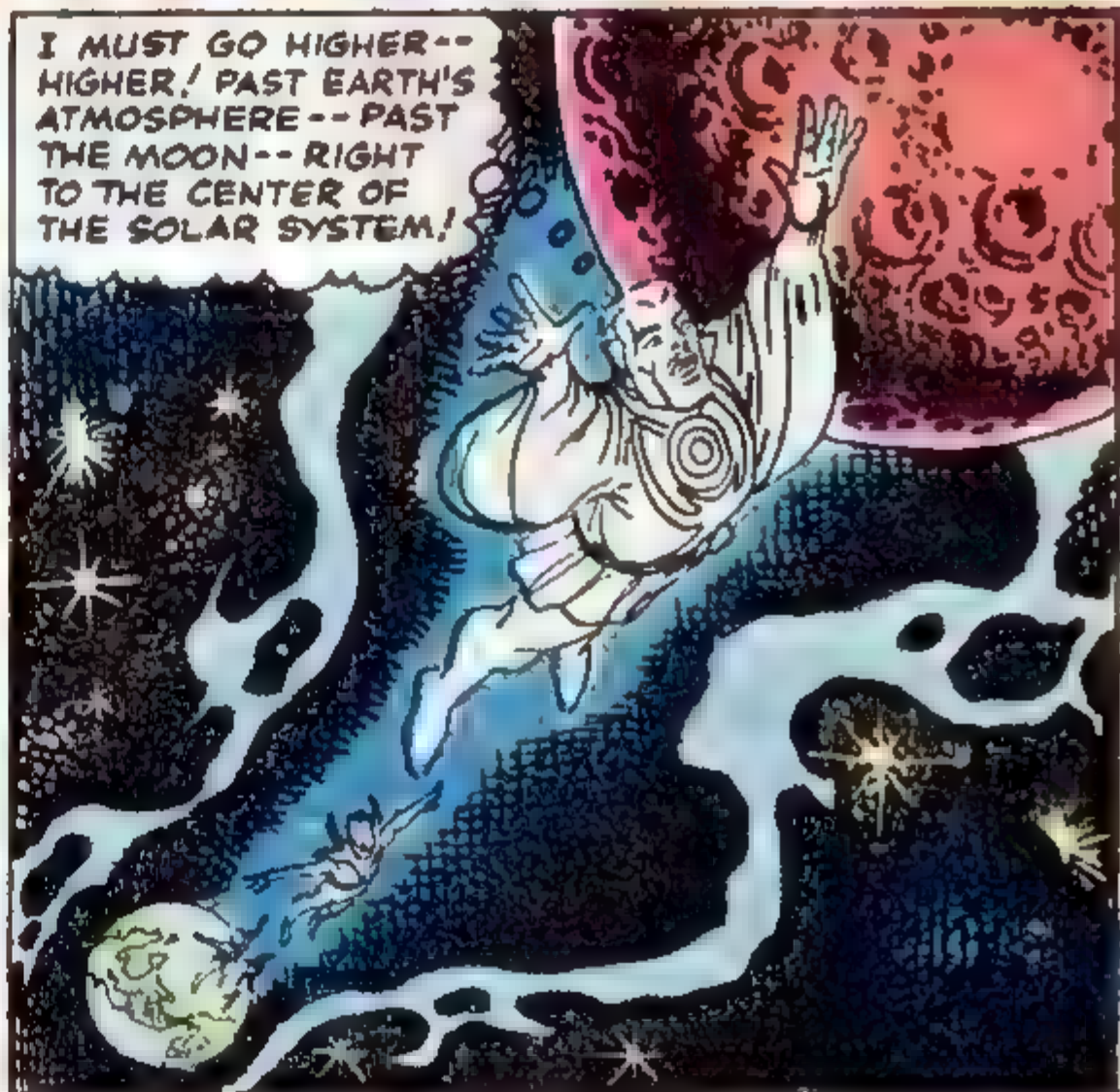
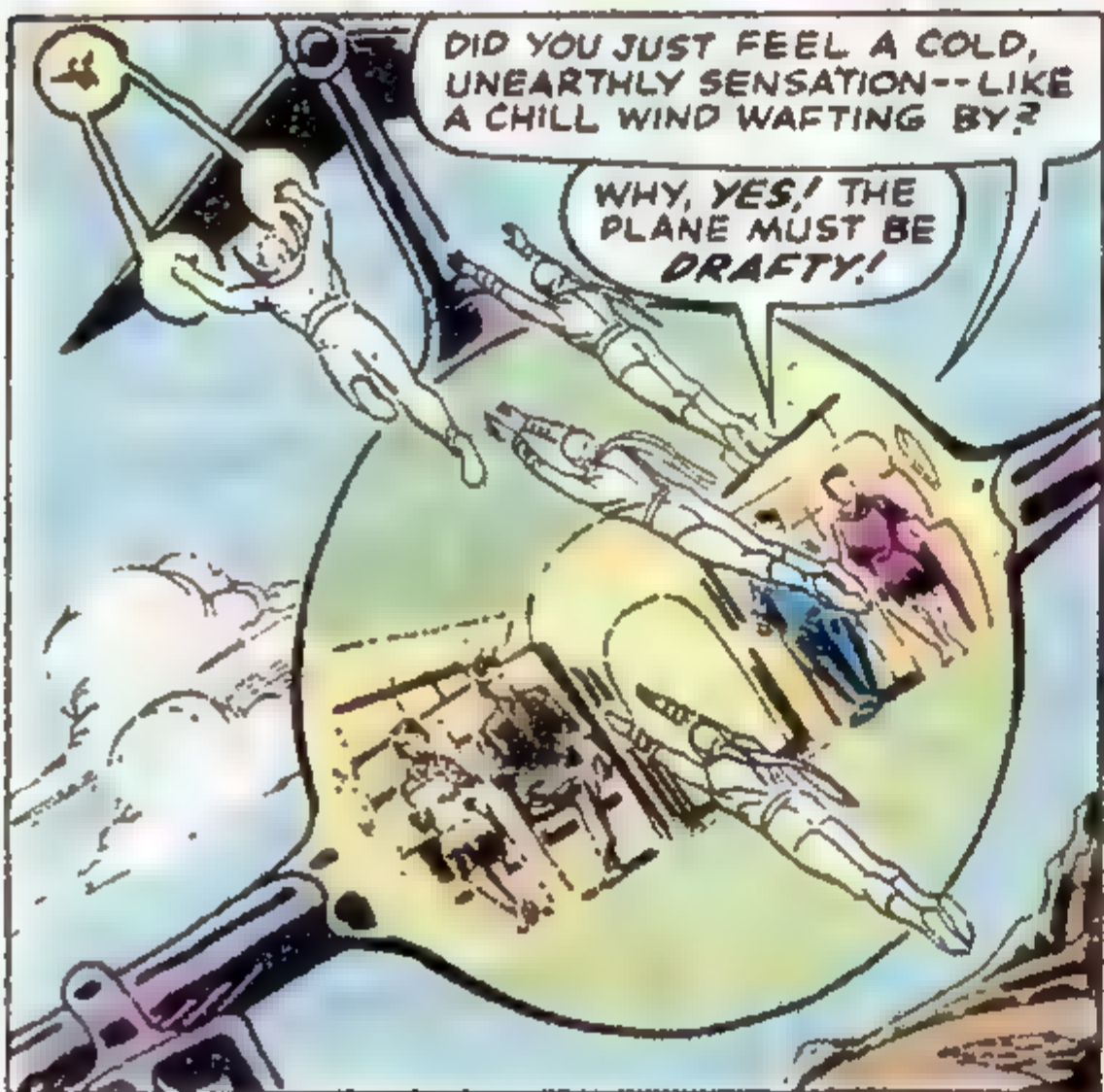


WHILE, IN THE DARK DIMENSION, THE DREADED ONE PITS ALL HIS STRENGTH, ALL HIS POWER, AGAINST THE ONRUSHING HORDES WHO LIVE ONLY TO DESTROY HIM--!

IF HE EVER LEARNS IT WAS I WHO FREED THE MINDLESS ONES, MY PUNISHMENT WILL BE UNIMAGINABLE! BUT I HAD TO DO IT-- THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY TO HELP THE NOBLE EARTHLING!

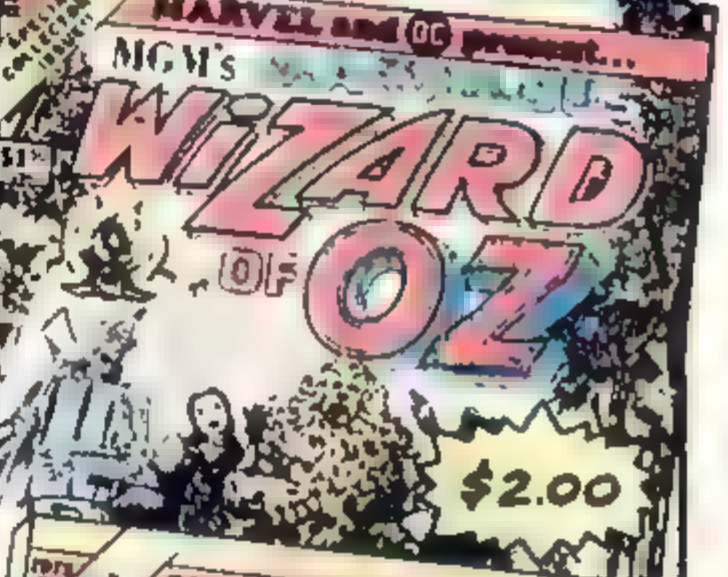
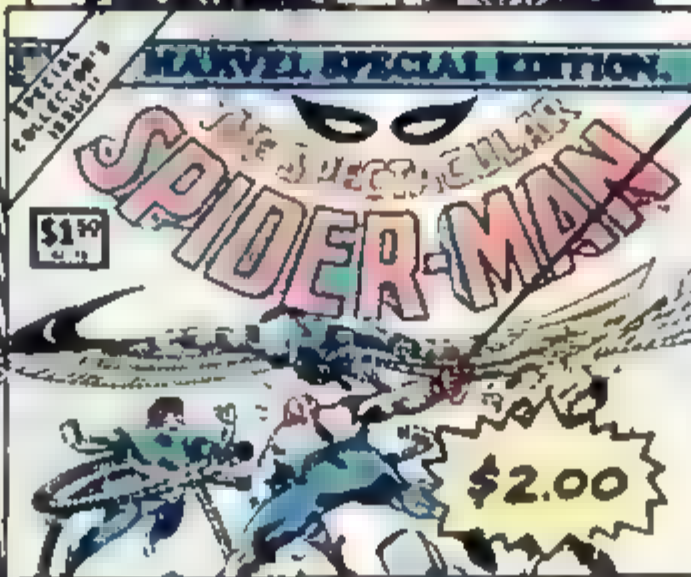
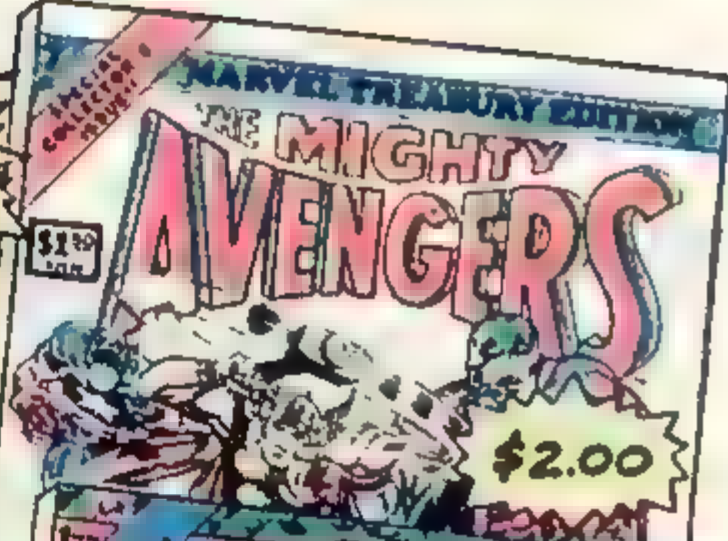
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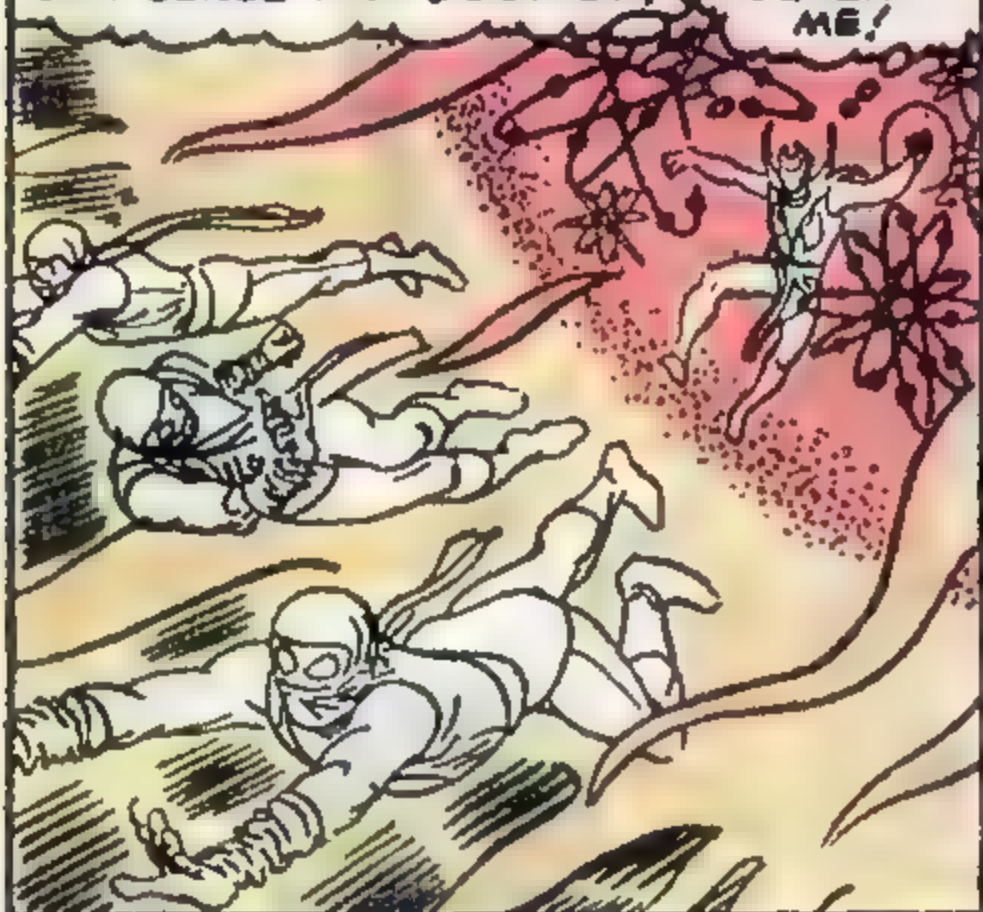
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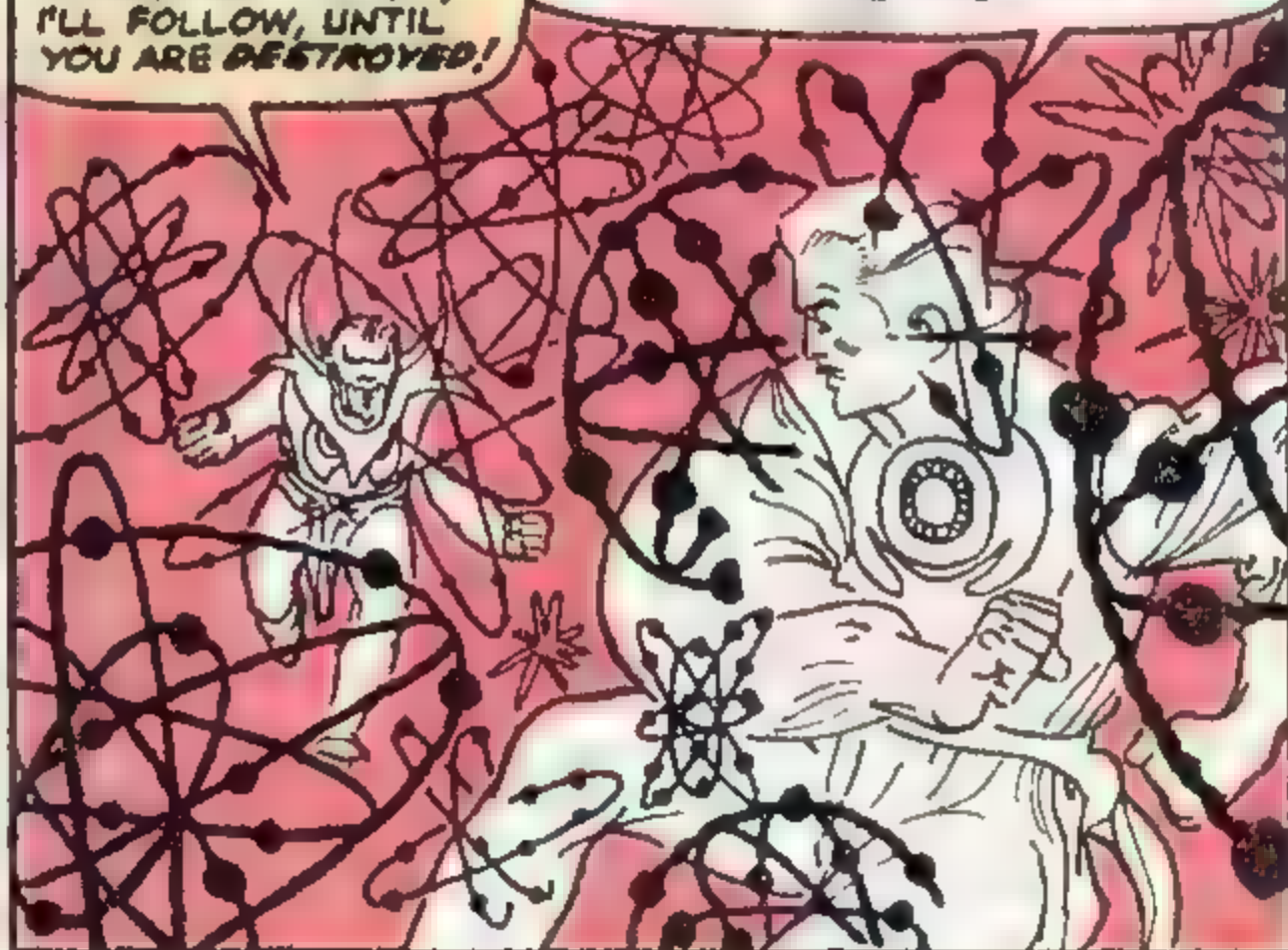
NOW THEY TURN--THEY'RE DESERTING ME COMPLETELY! BUT--THEY WOULD NOT DARE SUCH BEHAVIOR UNLESS THEY CAN SENSE I AM DOOMED!

BAN! WHAT AM I THINKING! NONE CAN DEFEAT ME!

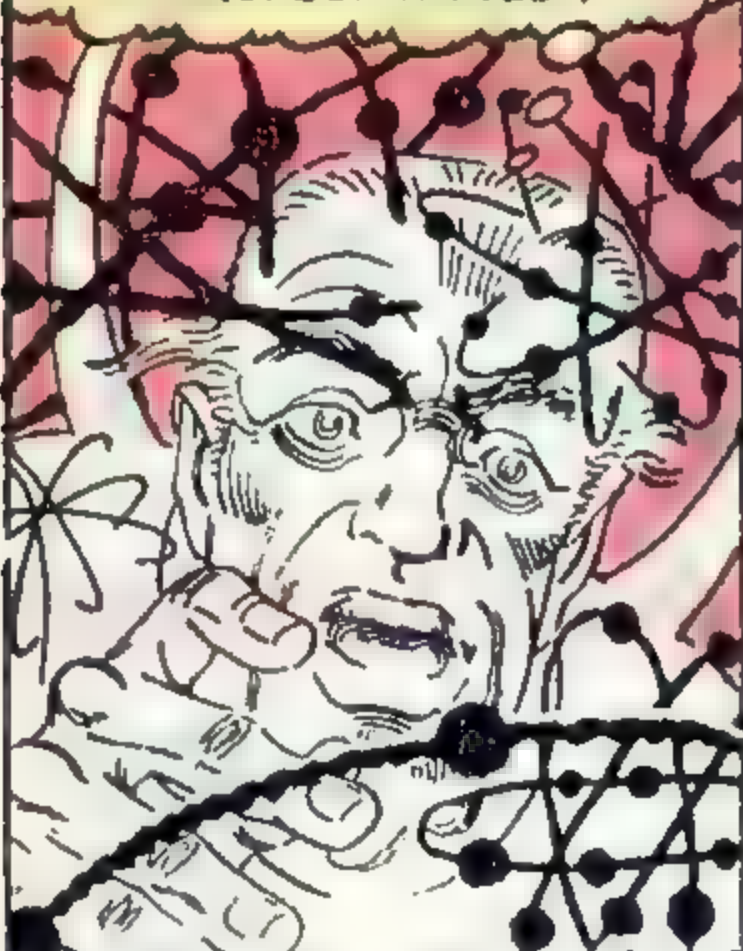


YOUR SCHEME DID NOT WORK, STRANGE! YOU CANNOT LOSE ME! WHEREVER YOU GO, I'LL FOLLOW, UNTIL YOU ARE DESTROYED!

NO, MORDO--NOT JUST I--BOTH OF US! FOR I SHALL FLY DIRECTLY INTO THE CORE OF THE SUN--- AND I'LL TAKE YOU WITH ME!



IT MEANS CERTAIN DEATH! UNLESS--WHAT IF IT IS A TRICK? WHAT IF HE KNOWS A SPELL TO PROTECT HIMSELF!



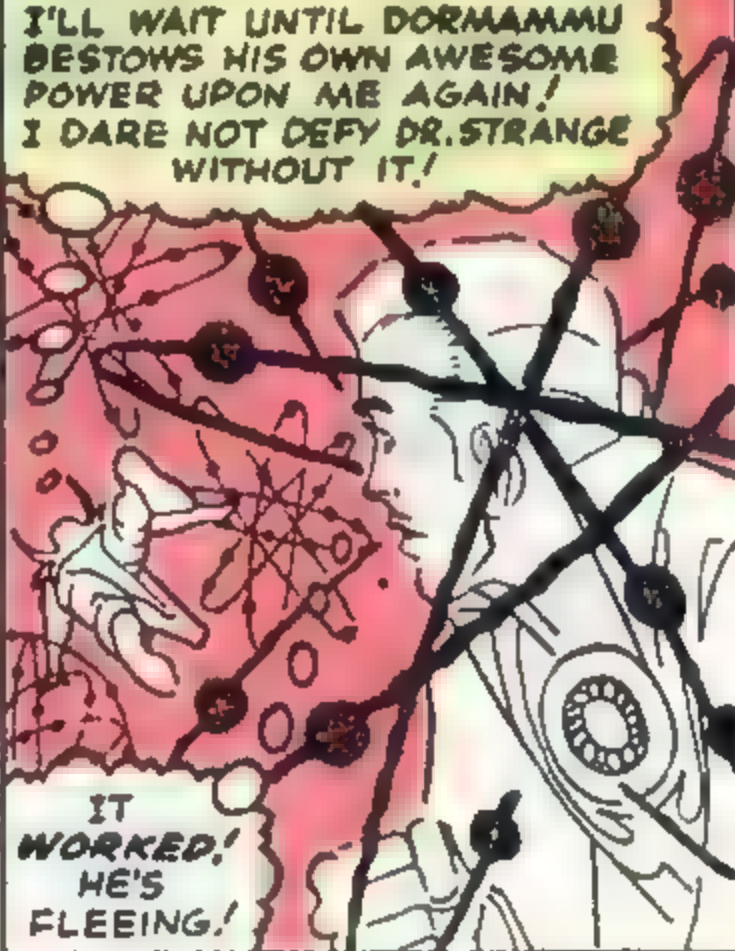
THAT MUST BE IT! HE PLANS TO LURE ME TO MY DEATH! BUT, I'M TOO SMART FOR HIM! HE CANNOT TRAP ME!

NO, STRANGE--I SHALL NOT FOLLOW YOU!



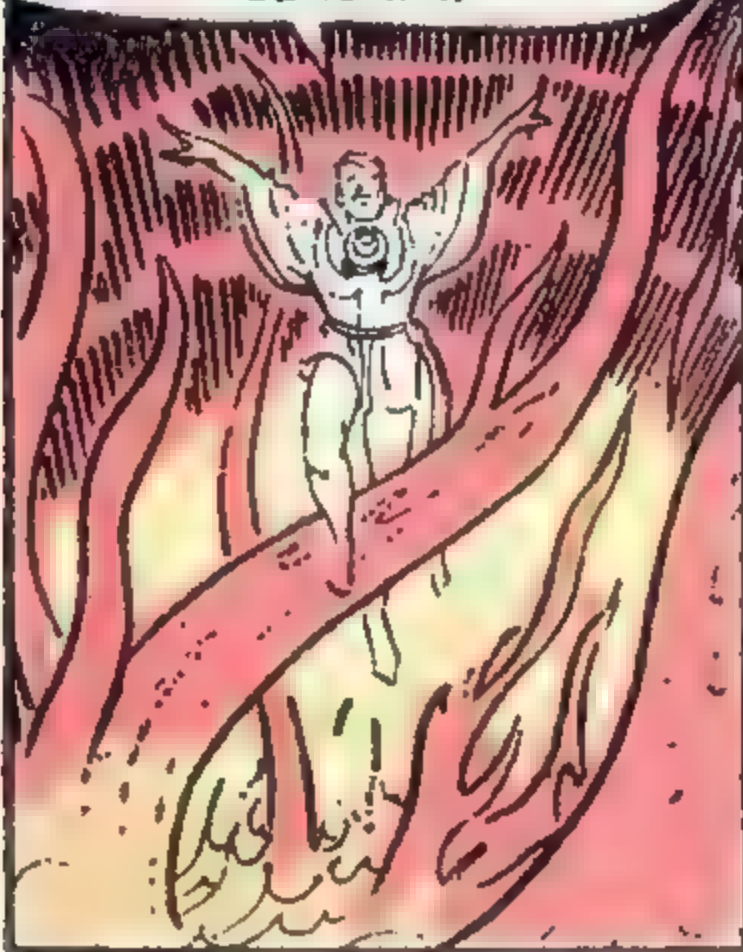
YOU CANNOT TRICK ME SO EASILY! I'LL WAIT FOR YOU ON EARTH, AND ATTACK YOU AGAIN AT MY LEISURE!

I'LL WAIT UNTIL DORMAMMU BESTOWS HIS OWN AWESOME POWER UPON ME AGAIN! I DARE NOT DEFEY DR. STRANGE WITHOUT IT!



IT WORKED! HE'S FLEEING!

NOW, I, TOO, CAN RETURN TO EARTH! THE SHADES OF THE SERAPHIM HAVE BEEN MERCIFUL TO ME!



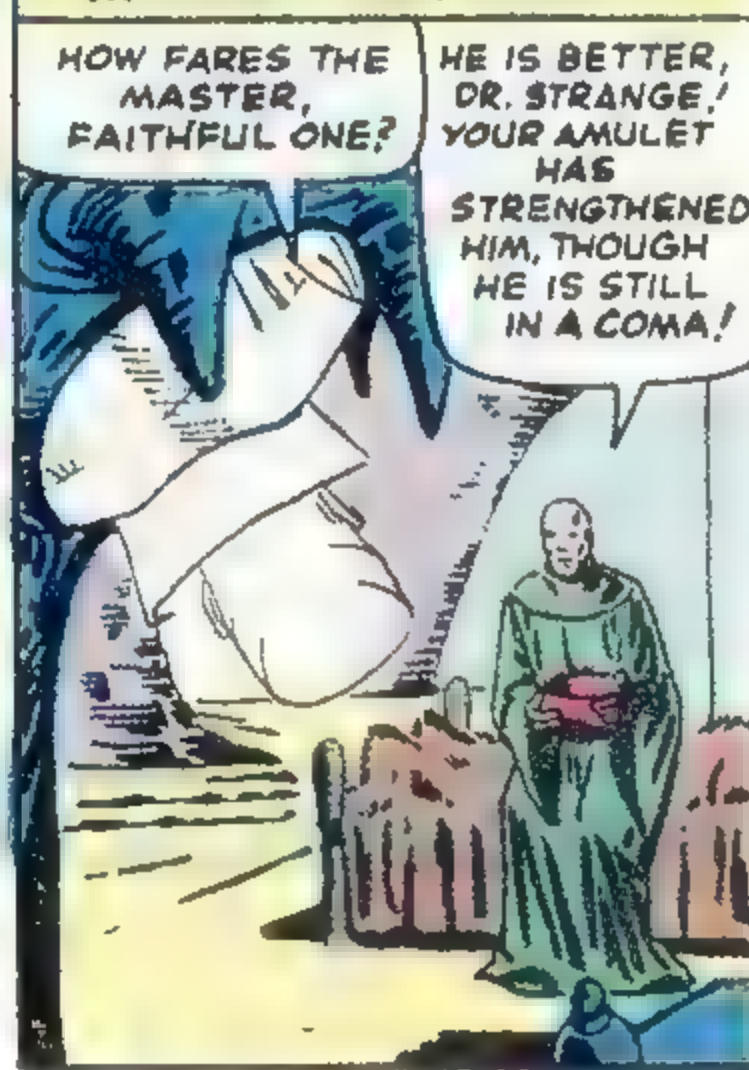
BUT, I SHALL RETURN BY A DIFFERENT ROUTE! WITH LUCK, IT WILL BE DAYS BEFORE MORDO FINDS ME AGAIN!



MINUTES LATER, IN TIBET...

HOW FARES THE MASTER, FAITHFUL ONE?

HE IS BETTER, DR. STRANGE! YOUR AMULET HAS STRENGTHENED HIM, THOUGH HE IS STILL IN A COMA!

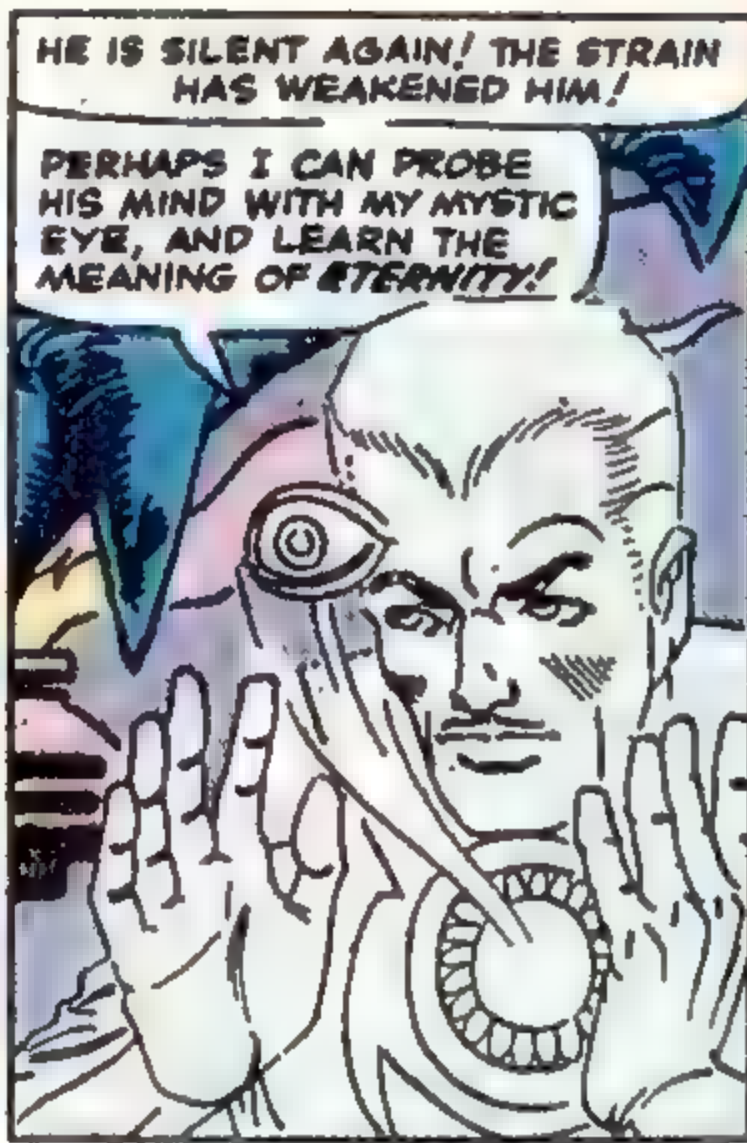




IT IS TIME TO REPEAT THE TREATMENT, WITH A STRONGER INTENSITY NOW!

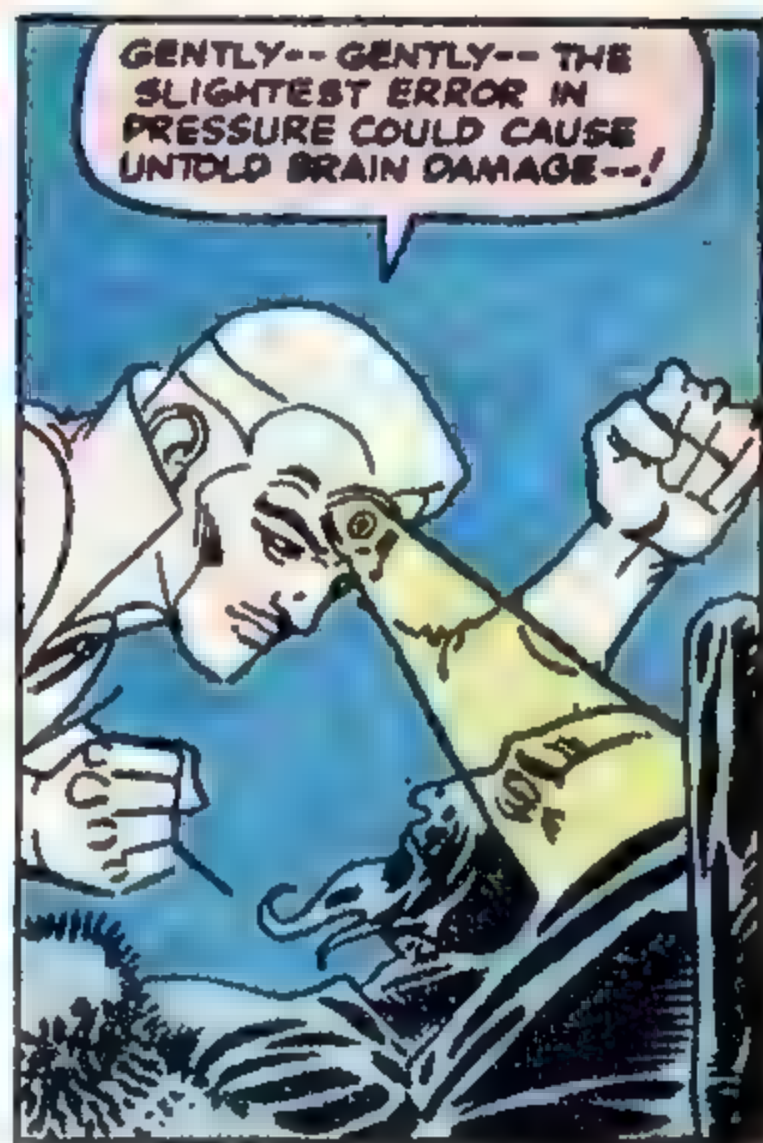
BEHOLD! HE TRIES TO SPEAK! LISTEN....!

ETERNITY! YOU MUST FIND-- ETERNITY!

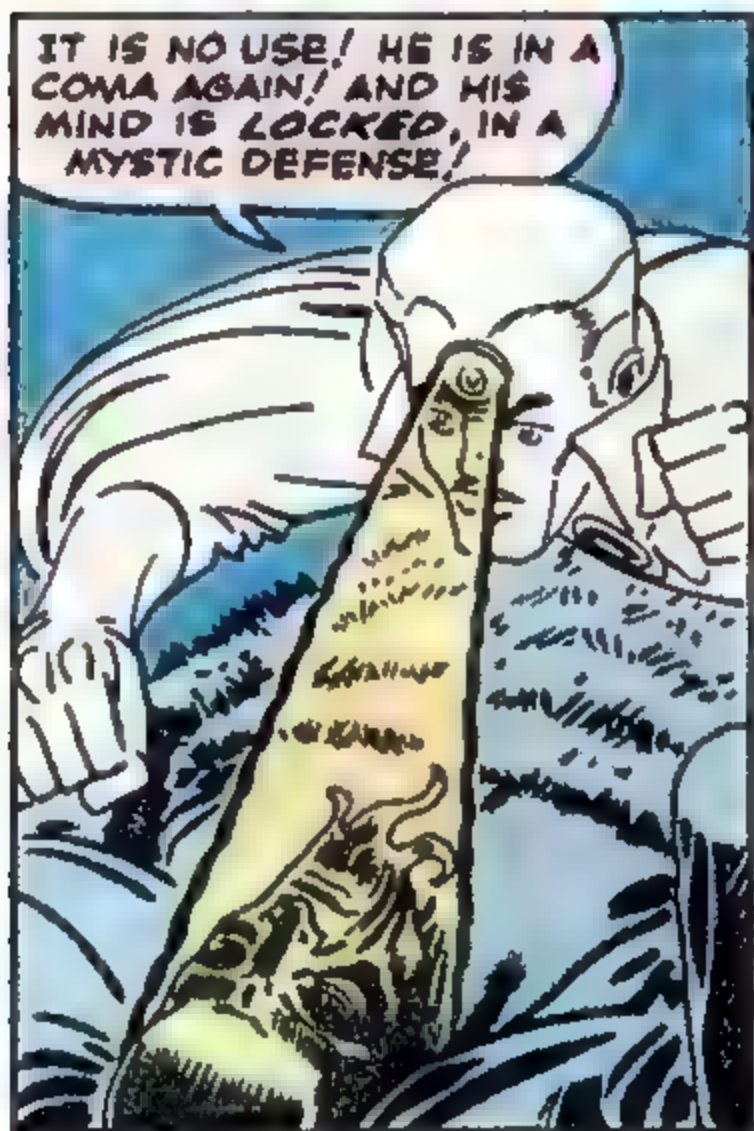


HE IS SILENT AGAIN! THE STRAIN HAS WEAKENED HIM!

PERHAPS I CAN PROBE HIS MIND WITH MY MYSTIC EYE, AND LEARN THE MEANING OF ETERNITY!



GENTLY-- GENTLY-- THE SLIGHTEST ERROR IN PRESSURE COULD CAUSE UNTOLD BRAIN DAMAGE--!



IT IS NO USE! HE IS IN A COMA AGAIN! AND HIS MIND IS LOCKED, IN A MYSTIC DEFENSE!

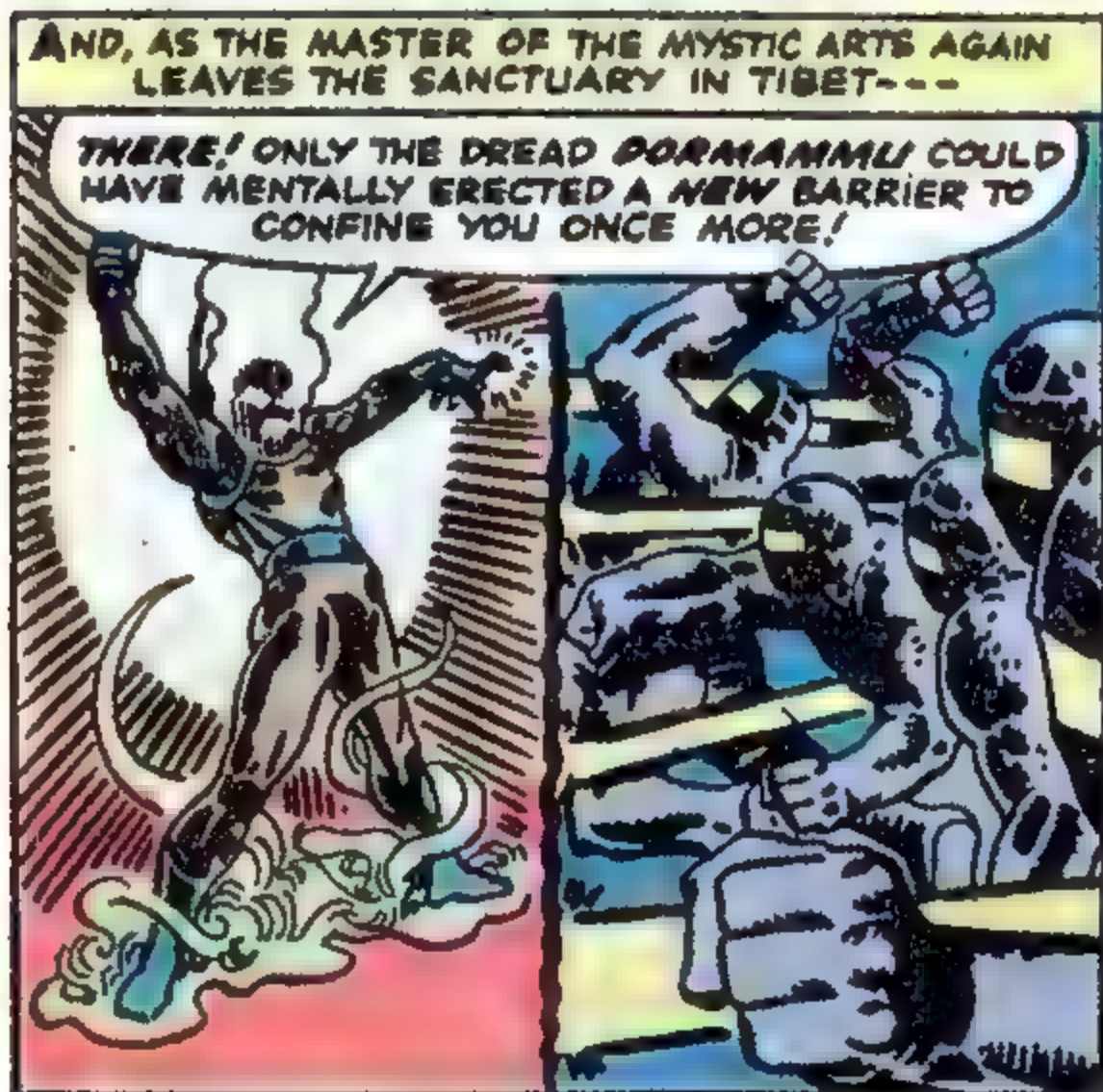


IF I TRY TO PROBE DEEPER, TO PENETRATE HIS MENTAL DEFENSES ONE OF US WOULD SURELY PERISH! I MUST FIND ANOTHER WAY!



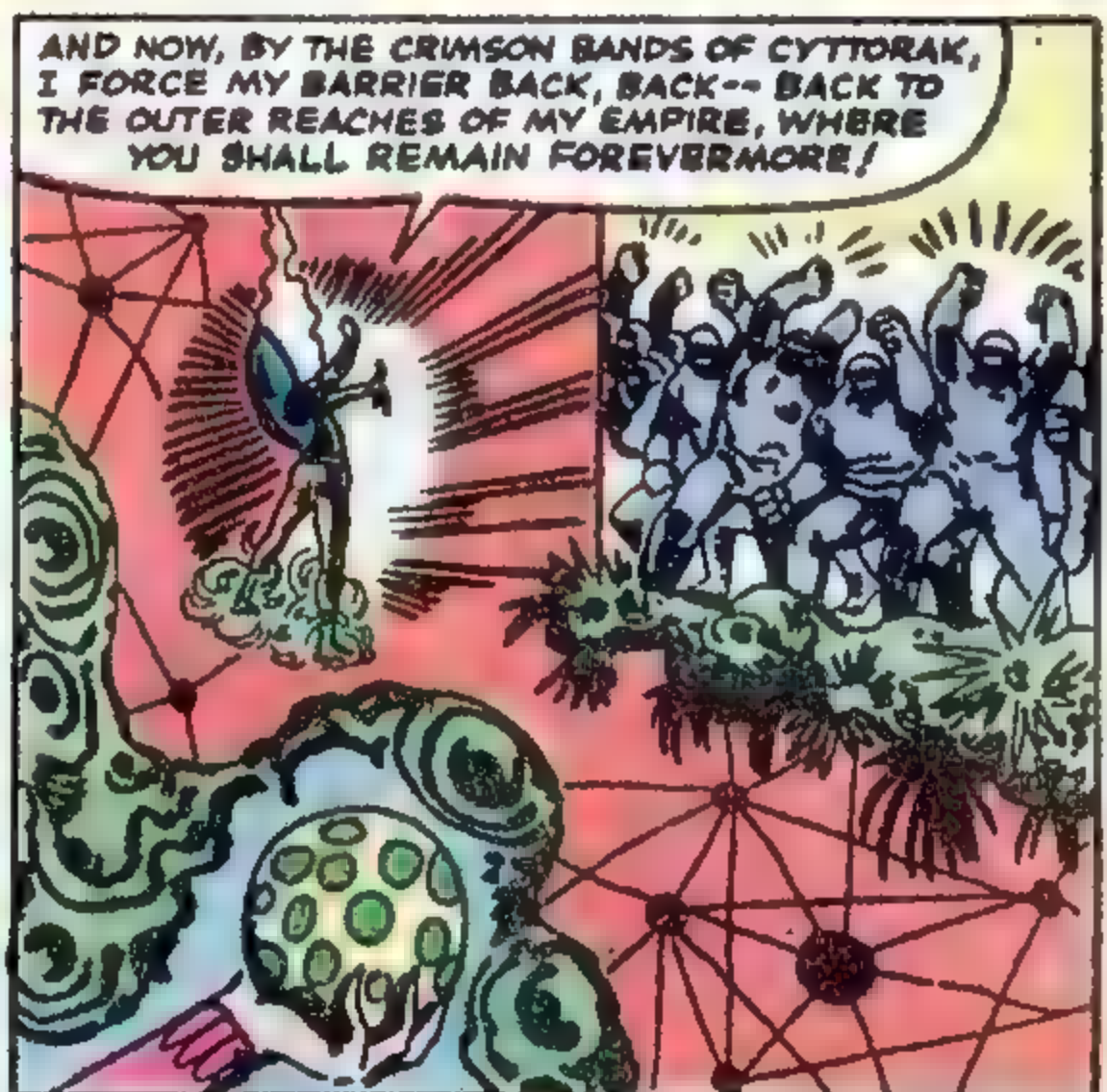
THERE ARE OTHERS ON EARTH WHO MAY KNOW THE MEANING OF ETERNITY! I MUST SEEK THEM OUT!

FOR, I FEEL THAT HE WAS TRYING TO GIVE ME THE ONE WEAPON I NEED TO DEFEAT EVIL MORDO FOREVER!



AND, AS THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS AGAIN LEAVES THE SANCTUARY IN TIBET---

THERE! ONLY THE DREAD DORMAMMI COULD HAVE MENTALLY ERECTED A NEW BARRIER TO CONFINED YOU ONCE MORE!



AND NOW, BY THE CRIMSON BANDS OF CYTTORAK, I FORCE MY BARRIER BACK, BACK-- BACK TO THE OUTER REACHES OF MY EMPIRE, WHERE YOU SHALL REMAIN FOREVERMORE!

MEANTIME, BACK IN THE ANCIENT ONE'S CAPTURED RETREAT AGAIN, MORDO PACES RESTLESSLY, WAITING-- WAITING--

WHY IS THERE NO WORD FROM DORMAMMU?? WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HIM?

AHH! AT LAST AN IMAGE BEGINS TO FORM!

MORDO! IS IT OVER? IS STRANGE DESTROYED??

NO! THE SPIRITS DESERTED ME! AND STRANGE HAD THE SECRET OF SURVIVAL IN THE SUN'S CORE! I DARED NOT FOLLOW HIM!

COWARD! THERE IS NO SUCH SECRET! YOU FEARED TO FOLLOW!

I MUST GO NOW! MY OWN POWER HAS BEEN DRAINED-- I MUST RENEW IT! BUT, I SHALL RETURN TO YOU BEFORE LONG!

MEANWHILE, CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR DR. STRANGE! HOUND HIM-- WEARY HIM-- GIVE HIM NO REST! THAT IS ALL!

AS I SIT HERE, ABSORBING NEW POWER FROM WITHIN MY ENCHANTED TRIANGLE, I MUST THINK! HOW DID THE MINDLESS ONES ESCAPE?? HAS SOMEONE DARED TO BETRAY ME??

I HAVE RETURNED THE DEVICE WHICH WEAKENED THE BARRIER!

---YET, SO GREAT IS DORMAMMU'S POWER, THAT IF HE THINKS LONG ENOUGH, HE WILL SURELY DEDUCE THAT I AM THE GUILTY ONE!

AND, BACK IN A DARKENED ROOM, IN A SIDESTREET HOTEL IN NEW YORK, A MYSTIC TRANSFORMATION AGAIN TAKES PLACE...

I SHALL RETURN TO MY PHYSICAL FORM ONCE MORE! IT IS NOT SAFE TO LEAVE IT UNATTENDED FOR TOO LONG A TIME!

BY NIGHTFALL THE MASTER OF MAGIC HAS REACHED HIS FIRST GOAL, A LONELY CASTLE OVERLOOKING A FOGGY ENGLISH MOOR ...

IN YONDER CASTLE DWELLS SIR BASKERVILLE! HE HAD BEEN A DISCIPLE OF BARON MORDO'S UNTIL HE MET WITH AN ACCIDENT! NOW, HE LIVES IN LONELY SECLUSION!

THERE IS A CHANCE THAT HE MAY KNOW THE MEANING OF... ETERNITY!

DR. STRANGE! HOW GOOD TO SEE YOU! IT HAS BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE SEEN ANY PRACTITIONERS OF THE MYSTIC ARTS! COME IN! COME IN! YOU MUST HAVE A SPOT OF TEA WITH ME!

MY TIME IS LIMITED, SIR BASKERVILLE! MY BUSINESS WITH YOU IS MOST URGENT!

INDEED? THEN TELL ME... HOW MAY I SERVE YOU?

I SEEK THE MEANING OF ETERNITY! HAVE YOU ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE SECRET WHICH THAT SINGLE WORD CONTAINS?

ETERNITY? BY JOVE, YES! I CAN HELP YOU!

WAIT THERE! MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME! I SEEM TO REMEMBER AN ANCIENT SCROLL WHICH I POSSESS! IT DEALT WITH ETERNITY! I SHALL SEARCH FOR IT!

TAKE OFF YOUR COAT! DO NOT LEAVE TILL I RETURN!

HE SEEMS ANXIOUS TO AID ME! AND YET.. HE SEEMS ALMOST TOO ANXIOUS!

AT THAT MOMENT, MANY, MANY WORLDS AWAY, THE ONE WHOM DR. STRANGE REFERS TO CONJURES UP A SINISTER SPELL IN THE DIMENSION OF DARKNESS!

I MUST LEARN HOW THE MINDLESS ONES WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE MY PRISON A SHORT TIME AGO!*

I AM THE DREADED DORMAMMU! MY POWER IS SUPREME THROUGHOUT MY WORLD! ONLY THROUGH BETRAYAL COULD THE MINDLESS ONES HAVE ESCAPED!

*AS SEEN IN STRANGE TALES #134... STAN.

WITH THE AID OF A SIMPLE MYSTIC SPELL, I CAN RECREATE ANY EVENT WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST WITHIN THE BORDERS OF MY DIMENSION!

AHH! AN IMAGE BEGINS TO FORM EVEN NOW!

THIS IS THE PRISON...THE ENCLOSURE OF THE MINDLESS ONES, JUST BEFORE THEIR BREAKTHROUGH! BUT, WAIT! WHAT IS THAT?

A GIRL! THE SAME ONE WHO TRIED TO BEFRIEND DR. STRANGE WHEN HE LAST INTRUDED UPON MY DARK DIMENSION!

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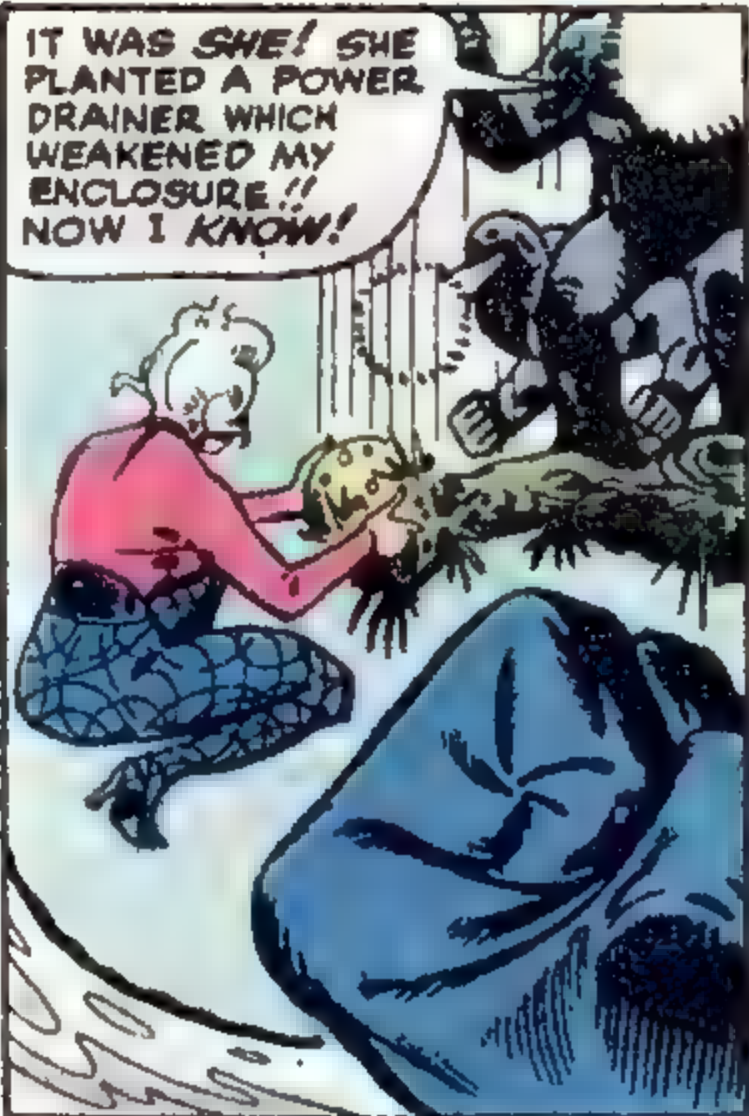
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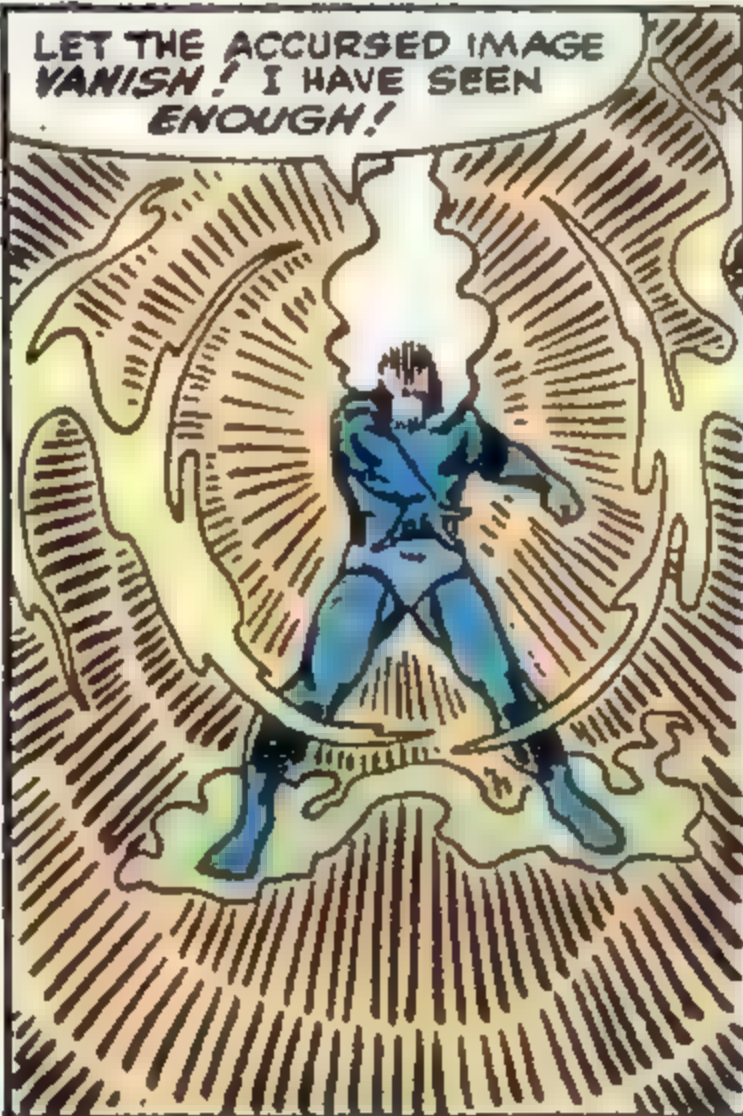
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IT WAS SHE! SHE PLANTED A POWER DRAINER WHICH WEAKENED MY ENCLOSURE!! NOW I KNOW!



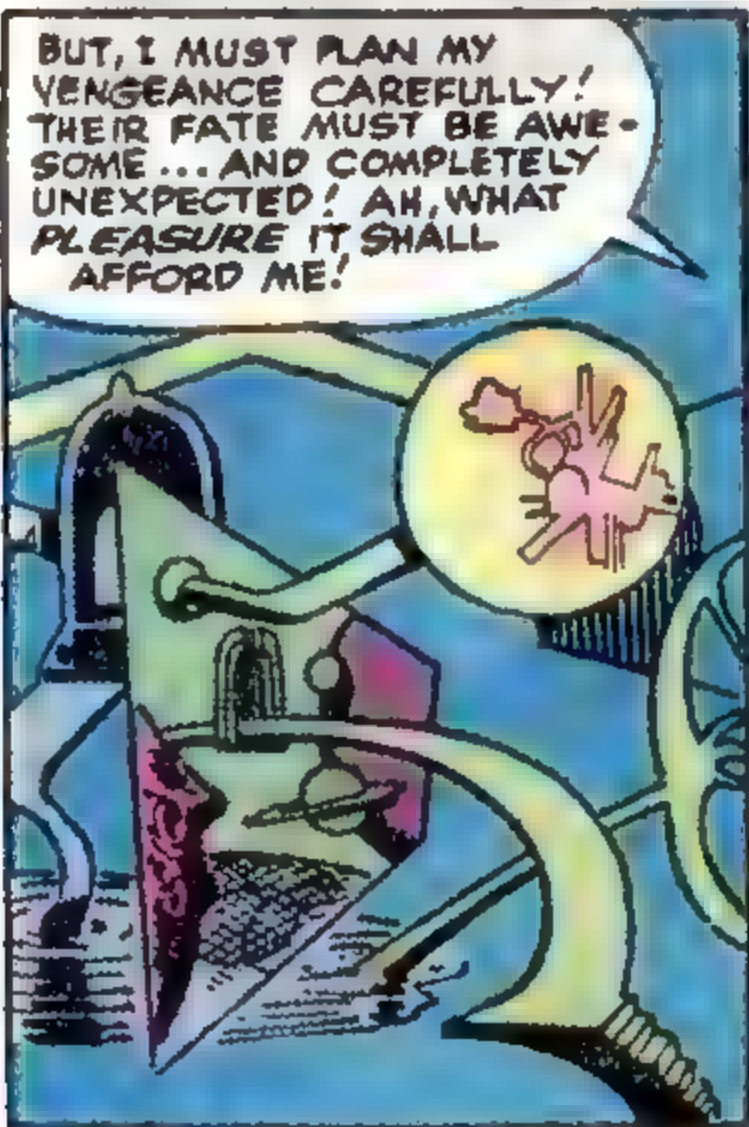
LET THE ACCURSED IMAGE VANISH! I HAVE SEEN ENOUGH!



SHE DID IT TO HELP DR. STRANGE! BUT SHE SHALL PAY FOR HER BETRAYAL... JUST AS HE SHALL PAY FOR DARING TO CHALLENGE THE POWER OF THE DREAD DORMAMMU!

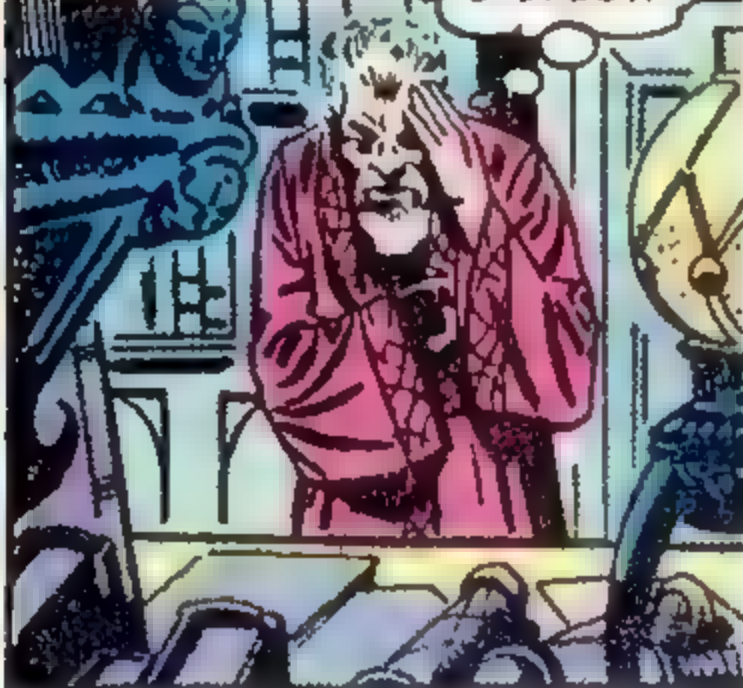


BUT, I MUST PLAN MY VENGEANCE CAREFULLY! THEIR FATE MUST BE AWE-SOME... AND COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED! AH, WHAT PLEASURE IT SHALL AFFORD ME!



BUT NOW, LET US RETURN TO SIR BASKERVILLE AS HE STANDS IN HIS MUSTY SCROLL ROOM... BUT, IT IS NOT A SCROLL WHICH RECEIVES HIS ATTENTION! IT IS AN EVIL FIGURE, HALF A WORLD AWAY...

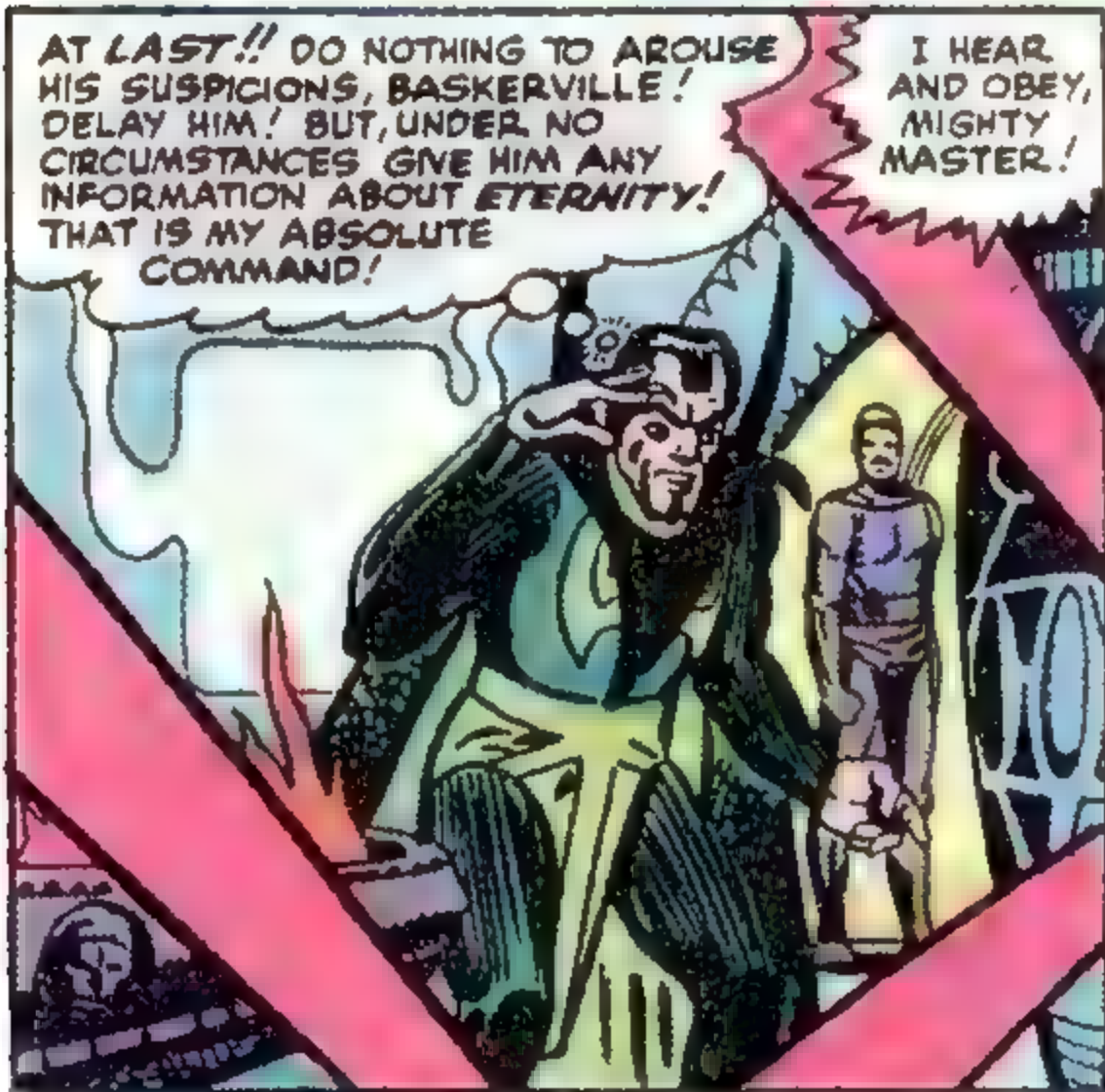
I MUST CONTACT MY MASTER BY MEANS OF MYSTIC TELEPATHY! DR. STRANGE MUST NEVER SUSPECT!



MORDO! THIS IS YOUR LOYAL DISCIPLE! DR. STRANGE IS IN MY CASTLE! THE TIME TO STRIKE IS NOW!!



AT LAST!! DO NOTHING TO AROUSE HIS SUSPICIONS, BASKERVILLE! DELAY HIM! BUT, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES GIVE HIM ANY INFORMATION ABOUT ETERNITY! THAT IS MY ABSOLUTE COMMAND!



I HEAR AND OBEY, MIGHTY MASTER!

I AM STILL UNABLE TO CONTACT DORMAMMU! HE STILL ATTENDS TO MATTERS IN HIS OWN DIMENSION! BUT SOME OF HIS UNIMAGINABLE POWER CONTINUES TO SEEP THROUGH TO ME... STRENGTHENING ME FOR MY COMING BATTLE!





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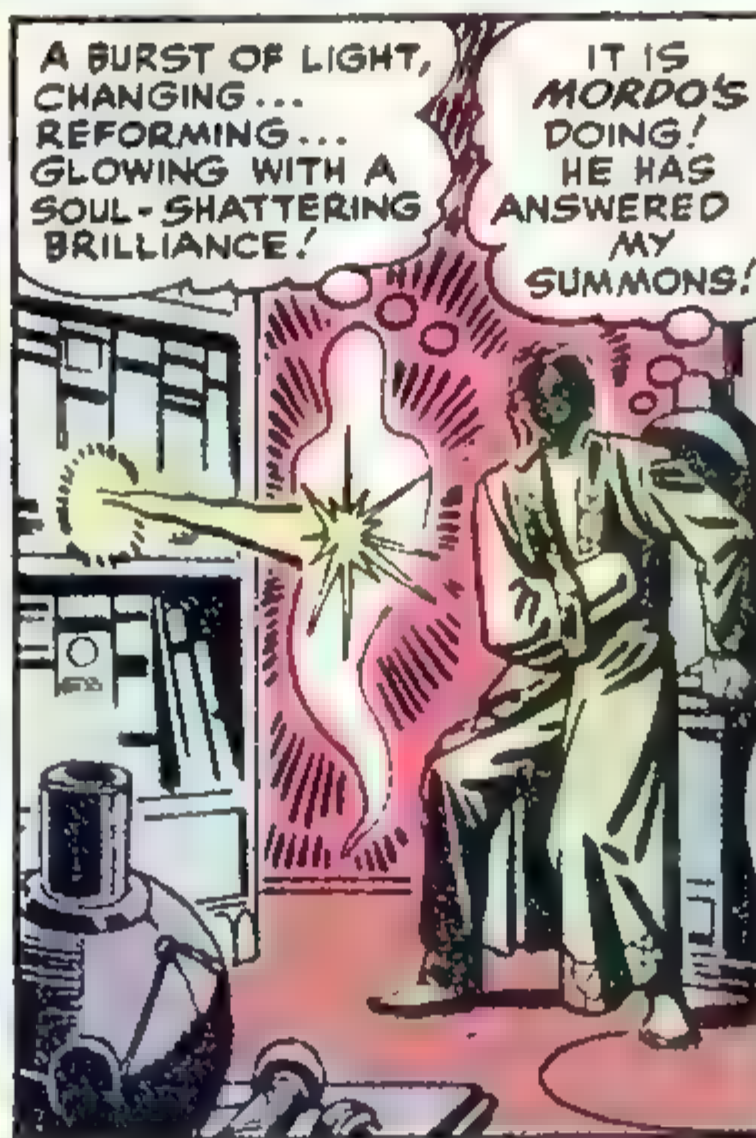
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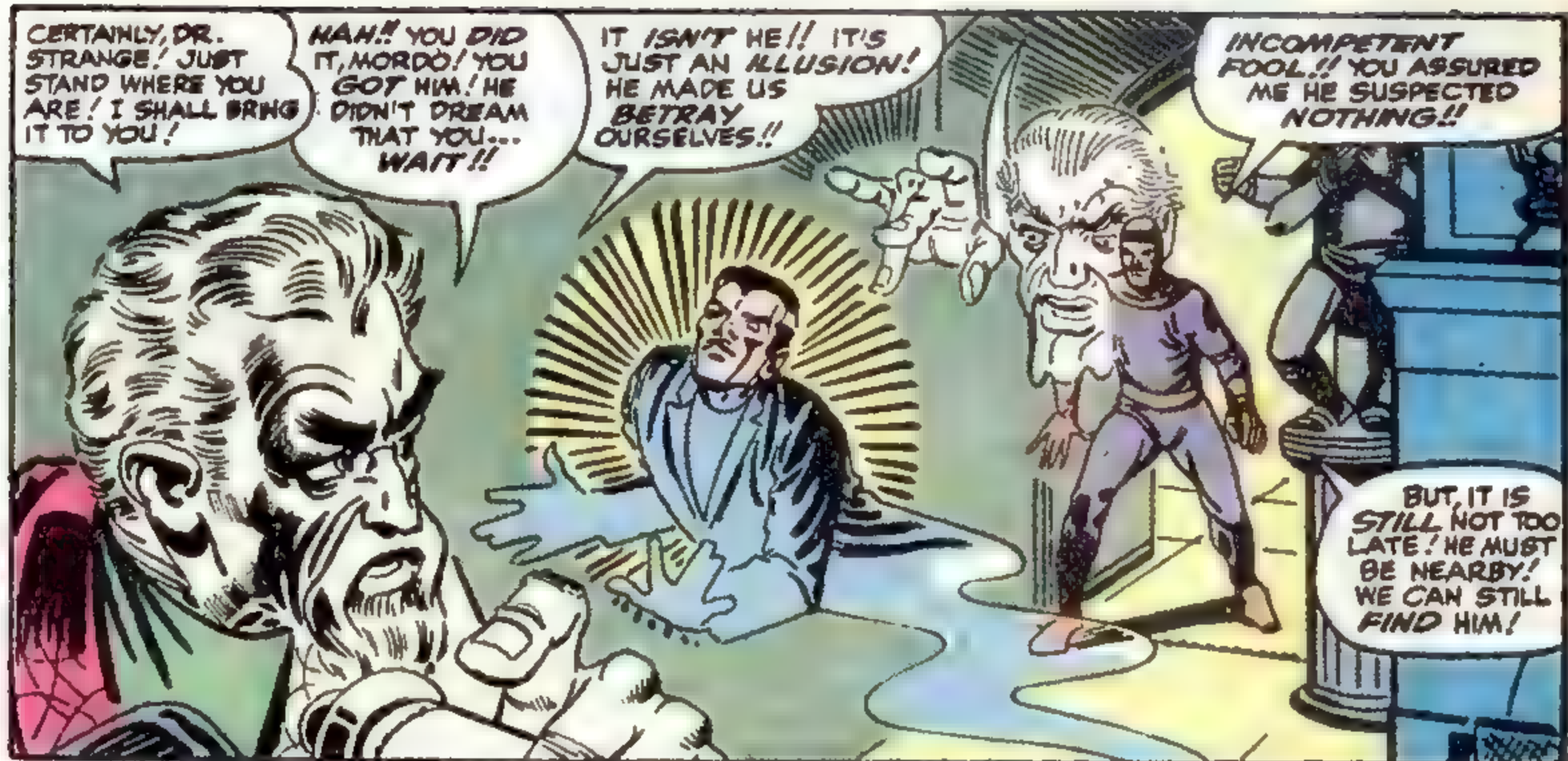
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BRING IT TO ME, BASKERVILLE! I MUST BE CERTAIN THAT IT IS AUTHENTIC! IT MUST BE TESTED!



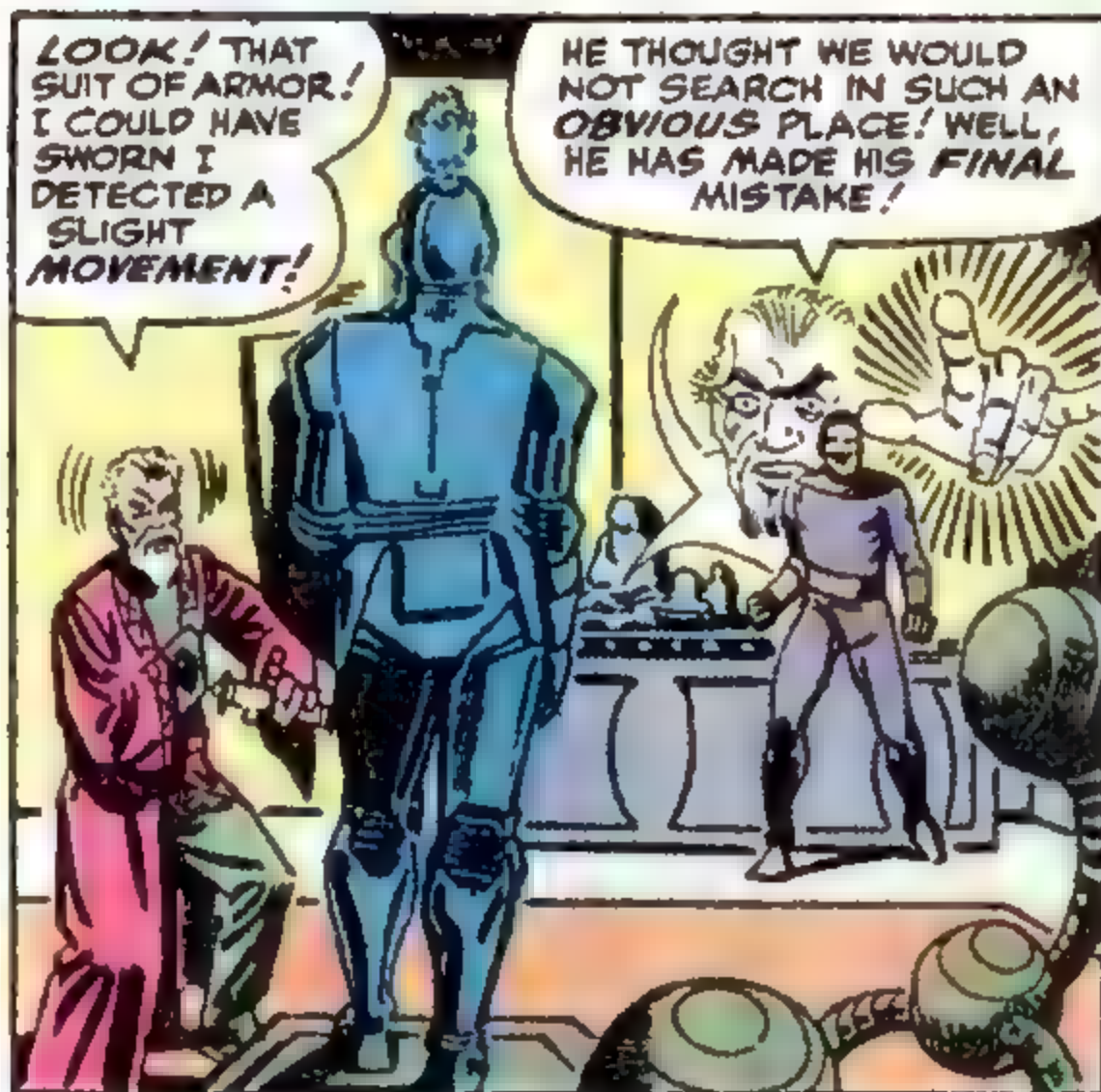
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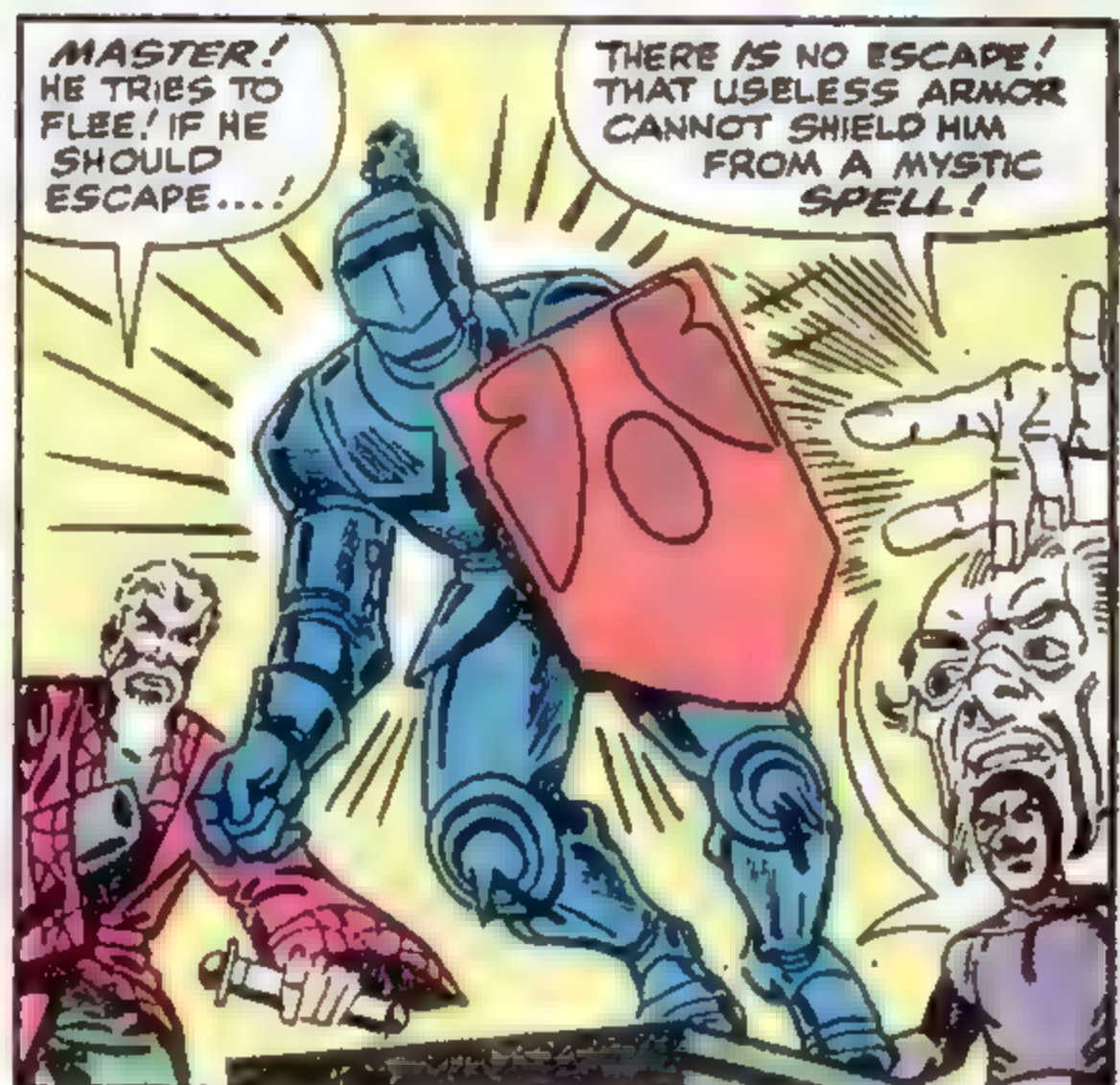
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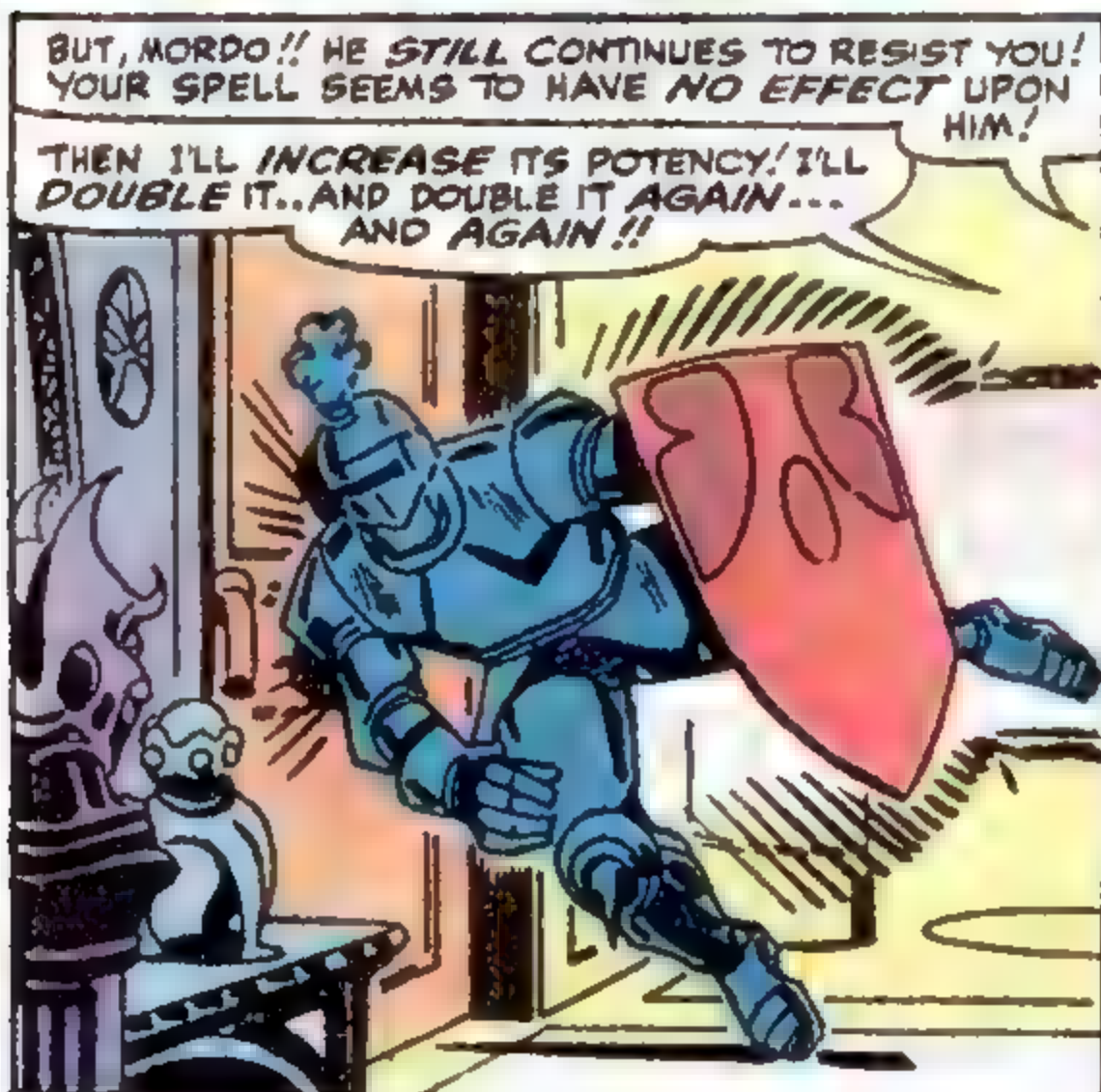
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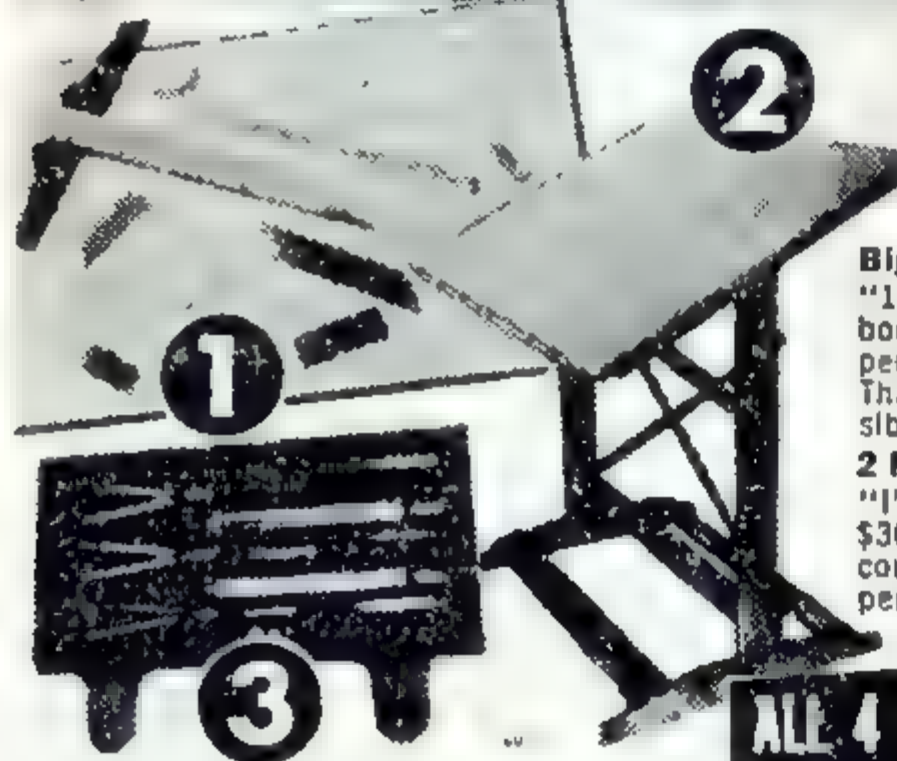
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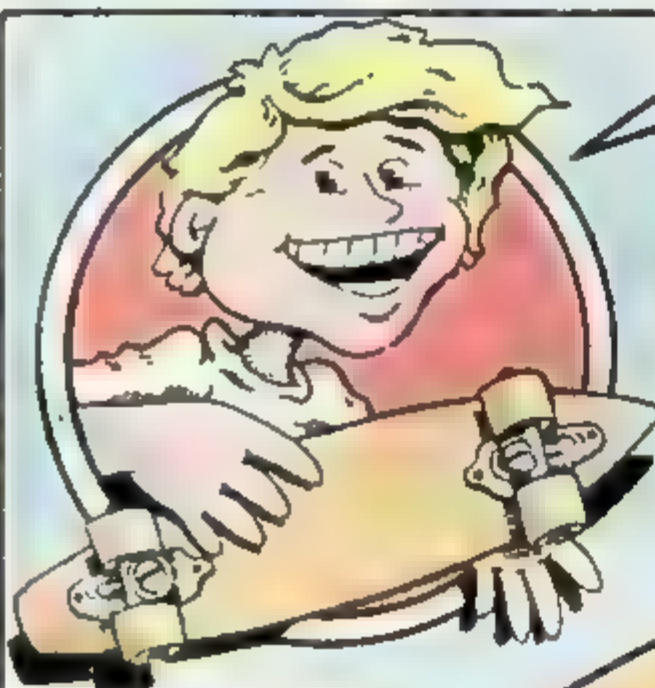
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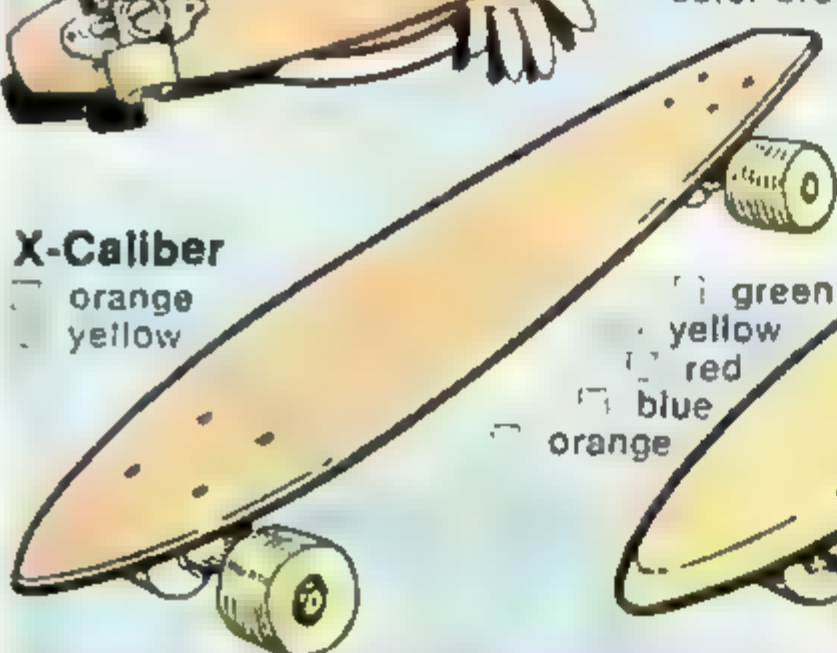
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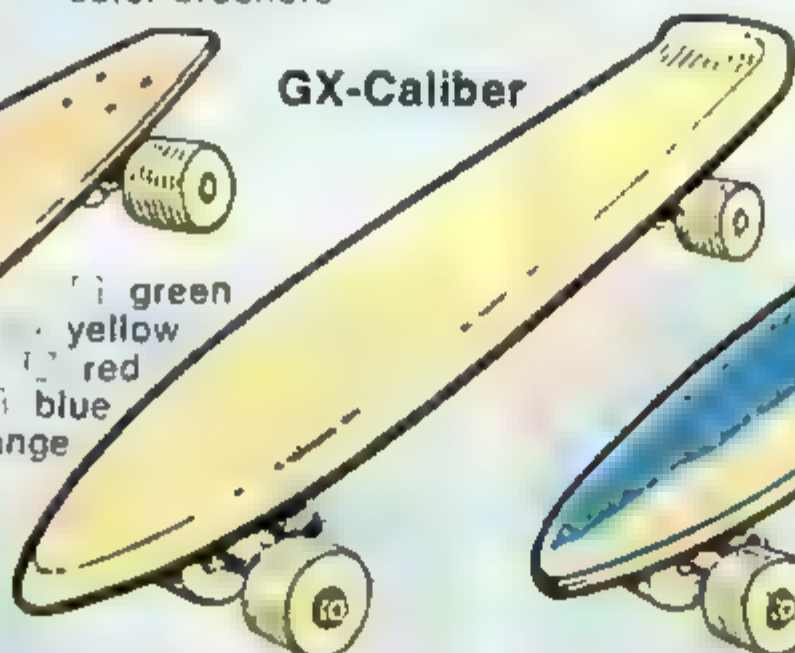
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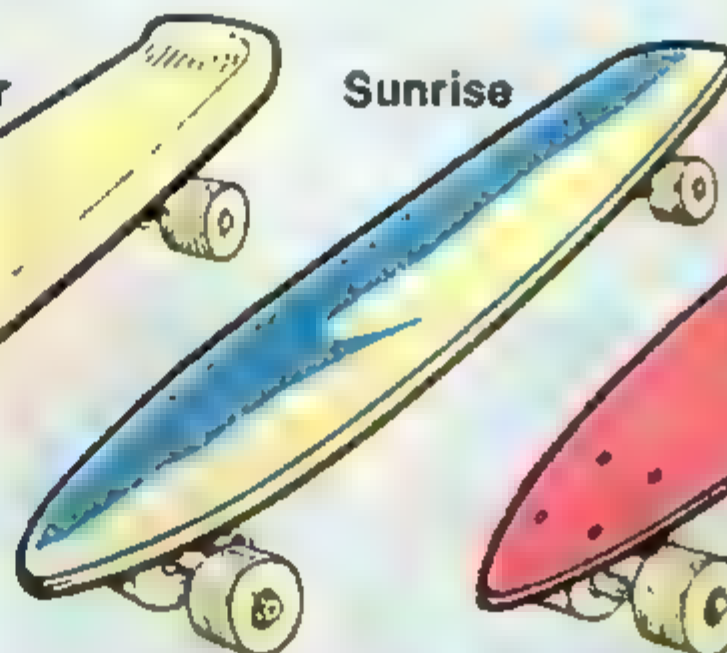


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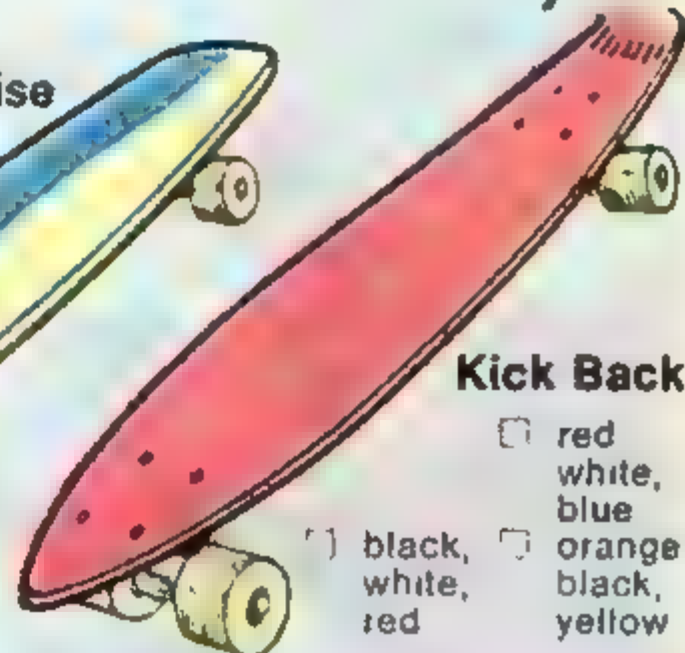


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☐ black, white, red
☐ black, yellow



This one is a pultruded fiberglass board that's great for slalom skateboarding. It's flexible and really sturdy. A top performance board. ☐ 22" ☐ 27" ☐ w/regular wheels \$25.45; ☐ w/large wheels \$25.85; ☐ w/wide \$26.45; ☐ w/stokers \$33.85

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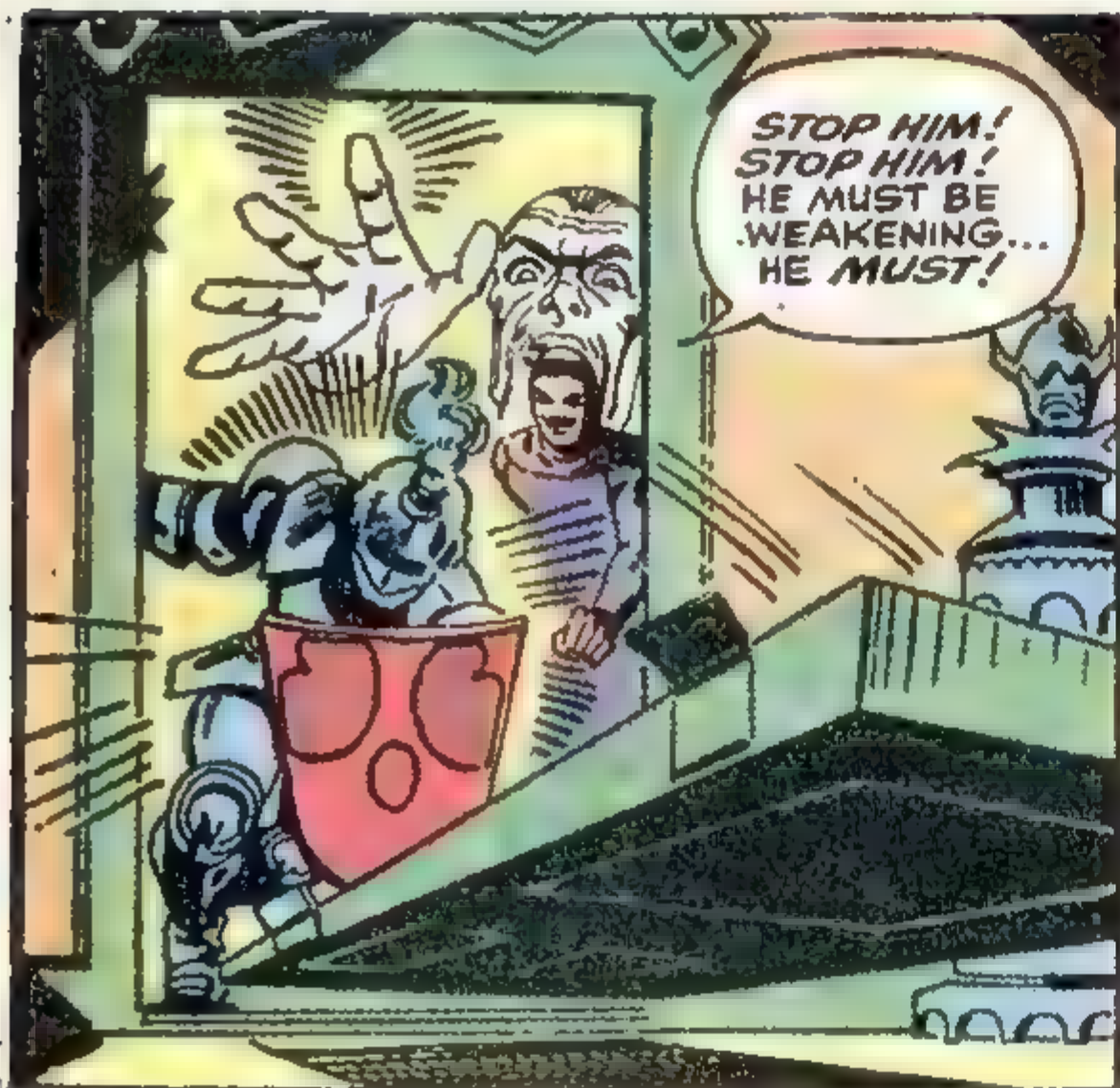
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STOP HIM!
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WEAKENING...
HE MUST!



HAN!! I WAS RIGHT! HE IS
BEGINNING TO FALTER! HE
CANNOT RUN MUCH FURTHER!
ONCE THROUGH THAT DOORWAY
YOU WILL HAVE HIM!!



IT WORKED! I WAS
HOPING YOU'D RUN
THROUGH THE DOORWAY!

OOOFF...!

WHOK!!



MORDO'S IMAGE HAS
FADED AWAY, AS I
KNEW IT WOULD ONCE
HIS EMISSARY LOST
CONSCIOUSNESS! AS
FOR YOU, BASKERVILLE...

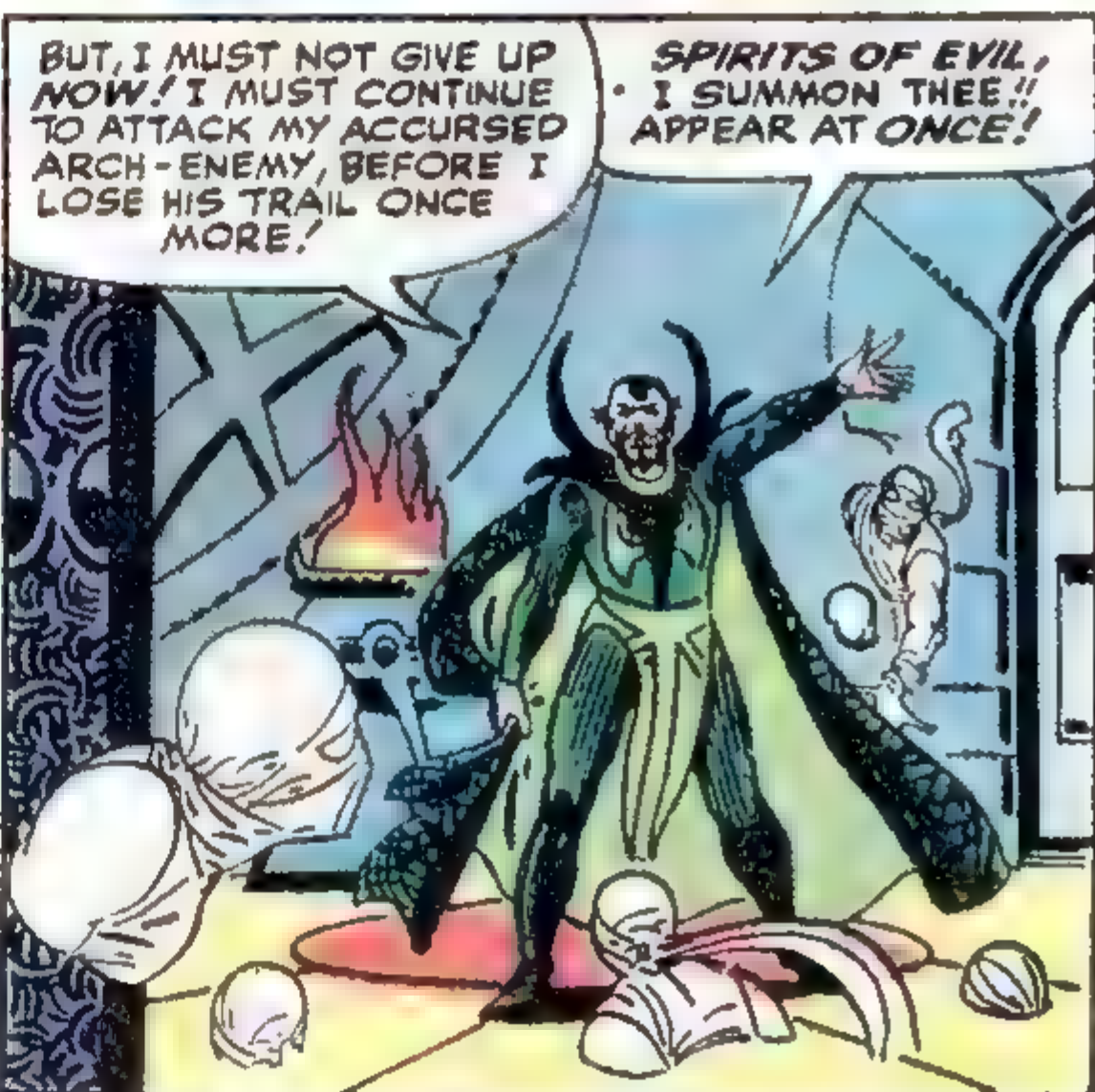
YOU SHALL NEVER
BETRAY ME AGAIN!



AND, BACK IN THE SANCTUM OF BARON MORDO...

I'VE LOST
CONTACT!!
BUT HOW...
WHY??

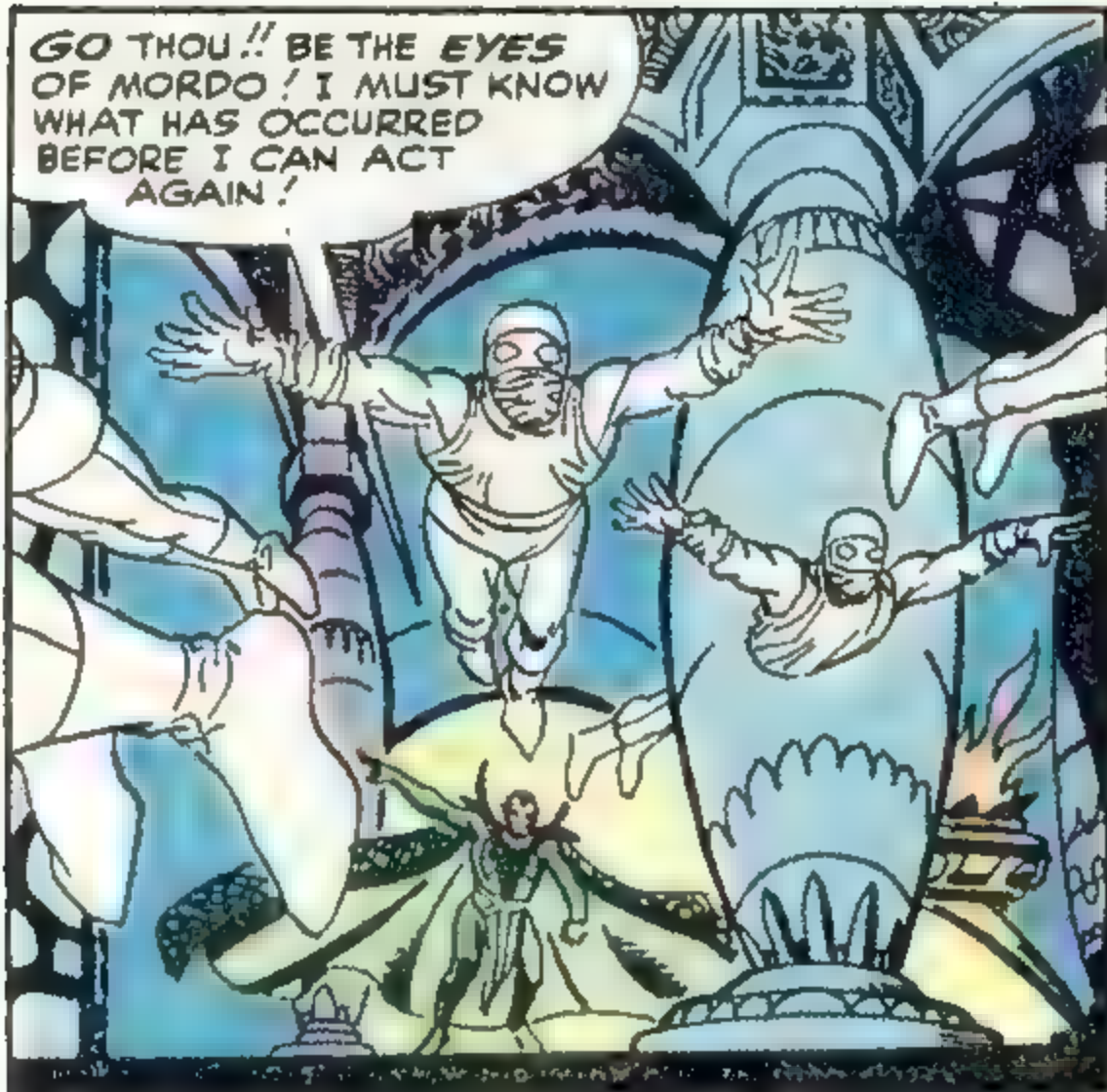
IT HAPPENED SO FAST!
I...I STILL DO NOT
COMPREHEND THE
REASON!!



BUT, I MUST NOT GIVE UP
NOW! I MUST CONTINUE
TO ATTACK MY ACCURSED
ARCH-ENEMY, BEFORE I
LOSE HIS TRAIL ONCE
MORE!

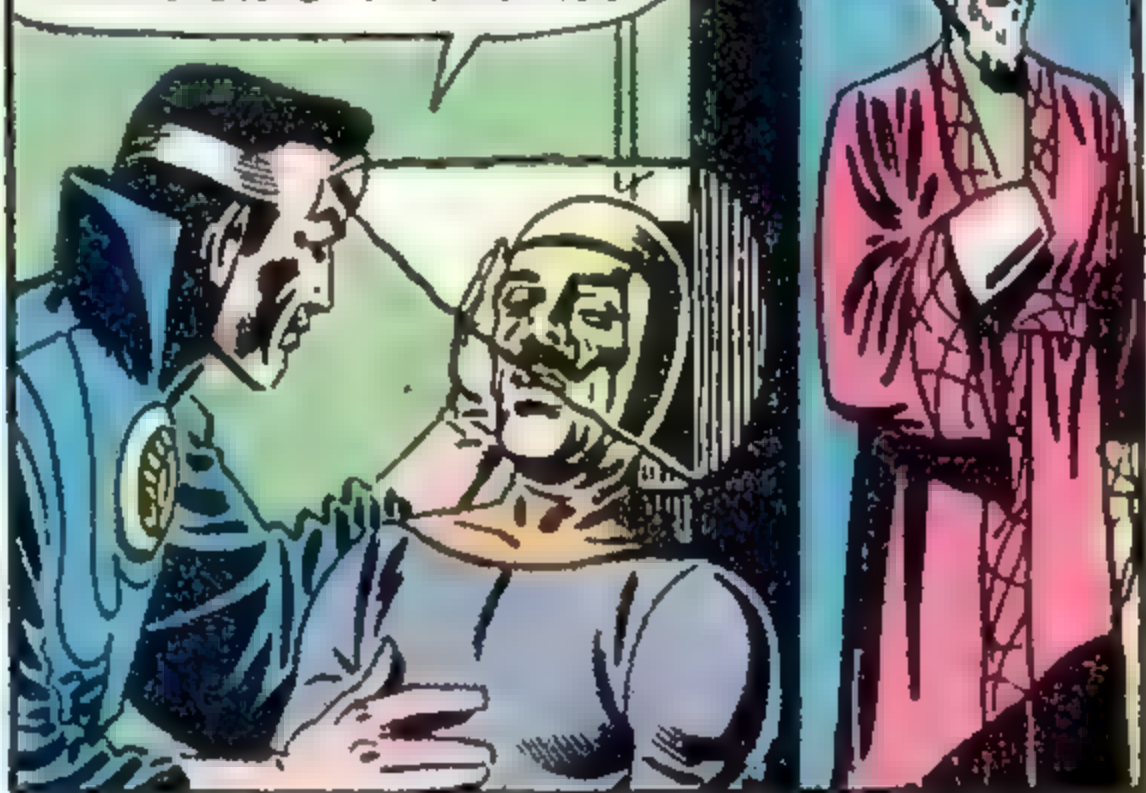
SPIRITS OF EVIL,
I SUMMON THEE!!
APPEAR AT ONCE!

GO THOU!! BE THE EYES
OF MORDO! I MUST KNOW
WHAT HAS OCCURRED
BEFORE I CAN ACT
AGAIN!

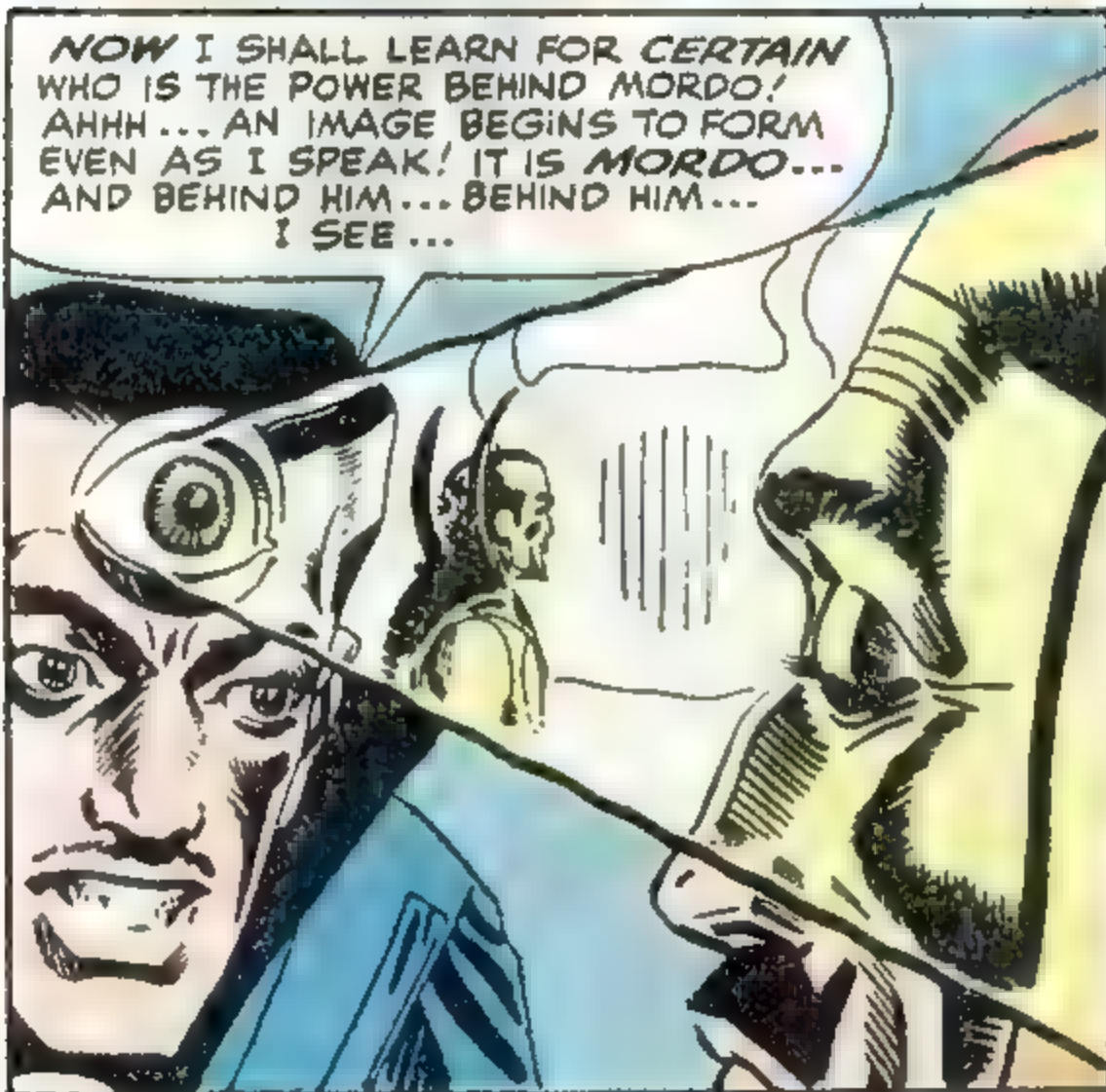


BUT, THIS TIME THE EVIL SPIRITS MOVE MORE SLOWLY,
WITH GREATER CAUTION! AND, BEFORE THEY CAN
REACH THEIR DESTINATION...

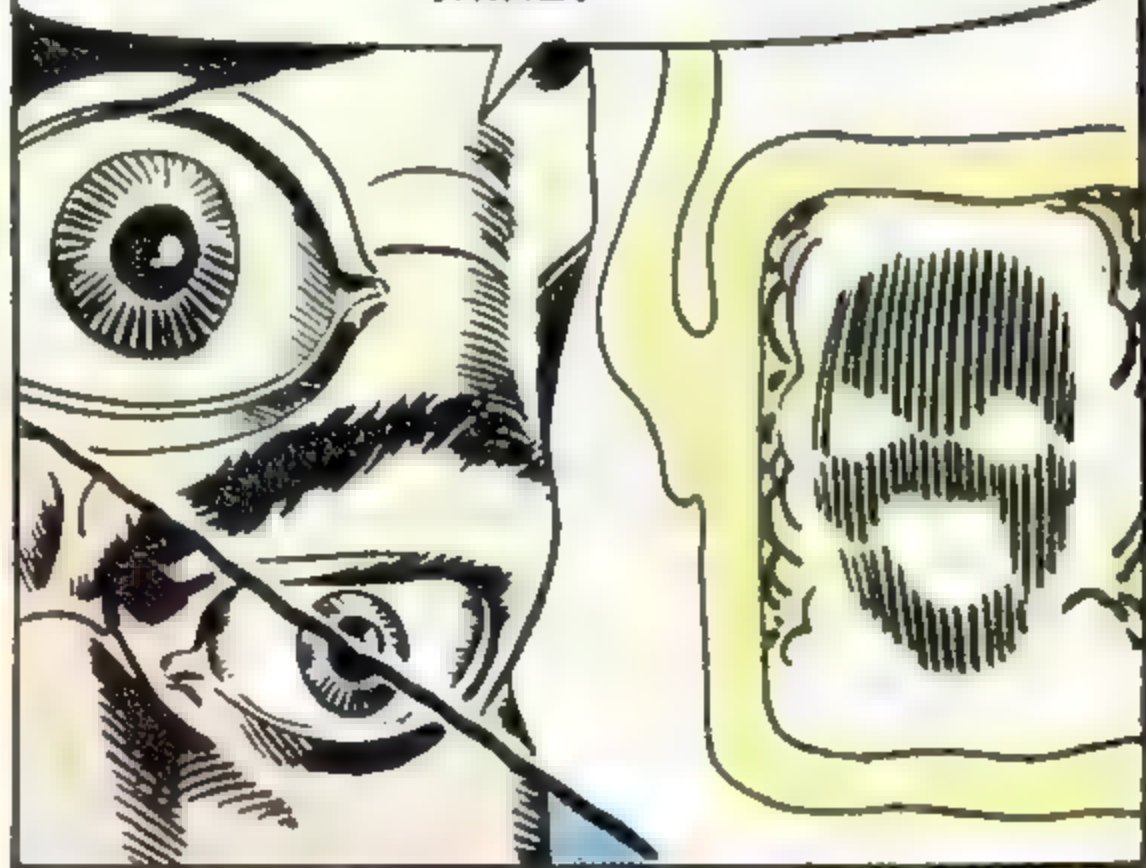
WHILE BASKERVILLE STANDS
TRANSFIXED, I SHALL PROBE
YOUR MEMORY WITH THE
MYSTIC EYE OF AGAMOTTO!



NOW I SHALL LEARN FOR CERTAIN
WHO IS THE POWER BEHIND MORDO!
AHHH... AN IMAGE BEGINS TO FORM
EVEN AS I SPEAK! IT IS MORDO...
AND BEHIND HIM... BEHIND HIM...
I SEE...

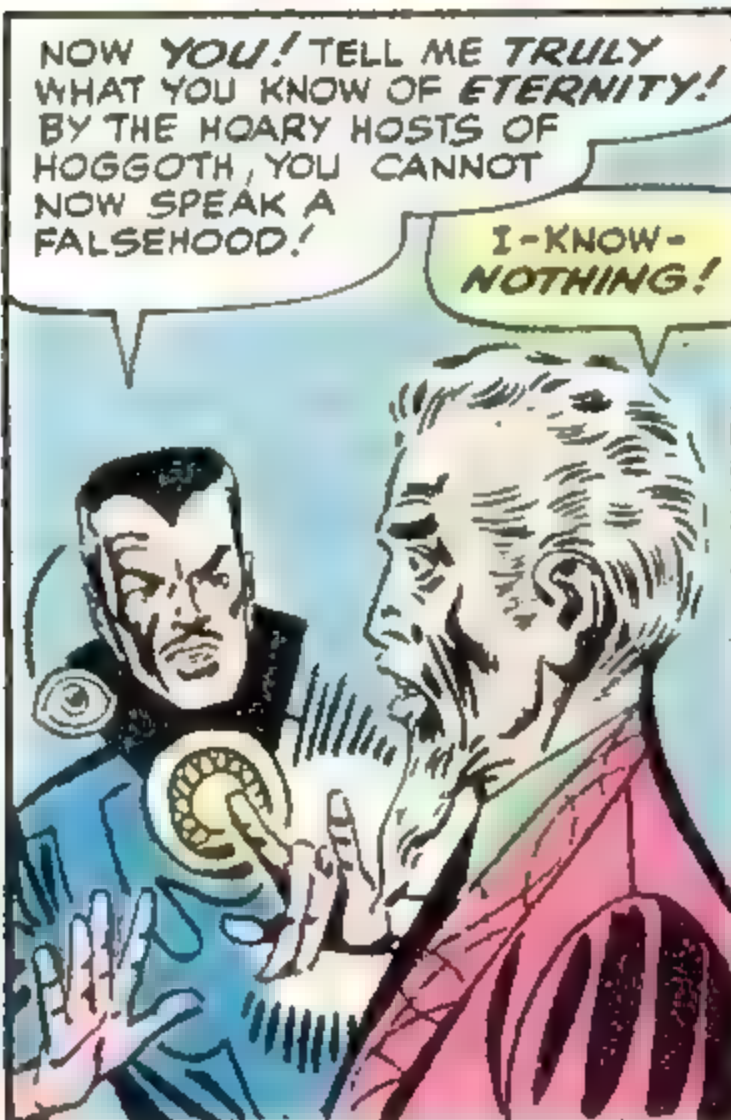


THE DREAD DORMAMMU!! OF COURSE!
NOW THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT! I SUSPECTED
AS MUCH! BUT NOW I HAVE THE POSITIVE PROOF!
I KNEW THAT ONLY A POWER FROM ANOTHER
WORLD COULD BE GREATER THAN THAT OF
MINE!



NOW YOU! TELL ME TRULY
WHAT YOU KNOW OF ETERNITY!
BY THE HOARY HOSTS OF
HOGGOTH, YOU CANNOT
NOW SPEAK A FALSEHOOD!

I-KNOW-
NOTHING!



I HATED THE ANCIENT ONE...
BECAUSE HE COULD NOT CURE
MY INJURED HAND!! I WANTED
TO STRIKE BACK AT HIM! TO
HURT HIM BY HARMING
YOU! MORDO PROMISED
HE WOULD RESTORE MY
HAND... SO I DID HIS
BIDDING!



IT IS AS I GUESSED! NOW HEED
MY WORDS! MORDO DECEIVED
YOU! HE CANNOT CURE YOUR
HAND! IT IS BEYOND THE POWER
OF SORCERY! AND NOW,
YOU INTEREST ME NO
LONGER!



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* (* Look it up in the ol' Webster, scoffers! There really *is* such a word!)

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Okay, gang, it's name-dropping time again! Recently, I was guest of honor at the San Diego Comics Convention, and what a terrific Con it was. Let me just take a minute to thank Richard Butner and Shel Dorf for being the best hosts possible, and—while we're at it—I thought you'd like to know some of the really great guys I ran into out there. First of all, there was Jerry Siegel, the creator of Superman, looking as young as he did when he used to toil here in the Bullpen. Then, there was artist-writer Don Rico, now teaching a course in comics at UCLA, and as much fun to bend an elbow with as when we were both teenage rookies in the early days of comics. Sci-fi greats Ray Bradbury, Ted Sturgeon, and George Pal would have made the Con a success by themselves—and next year I hope we can spend still more time together. And what's a ComicCon without my ol' pal Will Eisner and me tryin' to upstage each other on the podium? And you should'a seen the great sketch that MAD's Sergio Aragones presented me with—if I thought I looked that way I'd shoot myself! (Put the gun away, Forbush—I'm only kiddin'!) It was great seeing Mell ("Miss Peach" and "Moma") Lazarus again, even if I do envy the fact that he's moved to the West Coast! And, helping me judge a costume contest, was none other than Jim Steranko, who's really a great judge ('cause he agreed with all my choices)! And let's not forget the mighty Marvel contingent! There was Marv Wolfman, all over the place, as budding artists and

writers pursued 'im like mad with their samples. Also, it was a real treat running into Russ Heath, Jim Starlin, Ernie Chua, and not only Jack Kirby—but the whole captivat' Kirby clan—son, daughter, grand-daughter, and Jack's lovely wife Roz. Hey, I almost forgot—Chuck Norris, one of the greatest martial arts experts of all, gave an exhibition I'll never forget—and you'll be reading more about it in our own kung-fu mags. Yep, it was a real classy Con—and it'll give us somethin' to shoot at this Easter when we have our own Marvel Con in New York. (And those of you who attended our last Con don't haveta be told—we're pretty good shooters!)

Two more things I've gotta say before we wrap this up. I also met Captain Sticky and Gabe Wisdom. Captain Sticky is a real, live, costumed superhero who's become a sensation on the West Coast. You'll be seeing him soon in some of our comicbook yarns, so I won't say much more 'cause I don't wanna kill the surprise. But I'll tell you this—the guy is too much! As for Gabe Wisdom, he's a radio personality who's been doing a Thor act in Hawaii and on the Coast, and he's so great at it that I've gotta find a way to get him to our Con this Easter—along with Captain Sticky. Yep, there's a lot of fun and excitement coming your way, gang, so stay tuned to Marvel and, while you're waiting, never tickle a tousled tadpole, 'cause the eyes of Marveldom are ever upon thee!

Excelsior!

Stan

Gentleman GENE COLAN and Terrific TOM PALMER. Be sure to be in on this bountiful battle, fans, 'cause, this we promise you—one of these two super-stars dies. But you'll have to pick up both books to find out whom.

ITEM! A word of caution to all readers of AMAZING ADVENTURES (and who among Marveldom isn't?), 'cause we've changed the name of our far-out future series once again, from Killraven, Warrior of The Worlds, back to the original War of The Worlds title. So, be sure to pick up the latest DON MCGREGOR, CRAIG RUSSELL, KEITH GIFFEN, JACK ABEL masterwork. Under any title it's still the best-selling science fiction series anywhere!



ITEM! We've said before that the whole world seems to be infected with Marvel Madness, and now you can't even escape us if you try, 'cause we're not only in our munificent mags, but we're all over the air-waves as well. For instance, didja catch ol' Smiling Stan himself gabbin' it up with Mighty MIKE DOUGLAS while dressed as Marvel's own CAPTAIN AMERICA, or the other day when he was conversing with delightful DAVID HARTMAN on GOOD MORNING, AMERICA, or even his appearance on the TOMORROW show along with a couple of ranking representatives of our Distinguished Competition? Well, if you didn't, you must have caught ROY the boy THOMAS's appearance on TO TELL THE TRUTH playing, of all people, a dehydrated-food salesman. And though we're constantly making it big on the national air-waves, we never forget the local communities. If you're lucky enough to live in the Washington, DC, Virginia area, you probably heard SAL BUSCEMA speak out on comics over station WAMU, or maybe you caught the younger Buscema sibling in one of his seminars at the local Virginia libraries. Sheesh, not only does Sal draw faster than virtually every other artist in the whole blamed bullpen, but he still has time to give talks, and to begin building his brand-new house on the rolling Virginia hillside. And speaking of new houses, Devil-May-Care DOUG MOENCH just moved into his own mini-mansion in the wilds of Pennsylvania, which all your jealous bullpenners call "The House That Marvel Built!" Luck to both of you, guys, and remember to invite us over for a weekend in the country.

ITEM! We've been hinting at it in our jiltin' letter columns; in fact we've probably been shouting it out at the top of our lungs; so we may as well let all you Frantic Ones in on the big news for the year! Starting in March, and going all the way through to next October, your batty bullpen will be bringing back the awesome, all-new, all-original Annuals that Mighty Marvel is so famous for. That's right, True Believer, these 52-page extravaganzas will be coming out at the rate of about two each month, beginning with the ever-fabulous FANTASTIC FOUR (by Rascally ROY THOMAS and Big JOHN BUSCEMA) and the Invincible IRON MAN (by STEVE "Baby" GERBER and Our Pal SAL BUSCEMA). Following these super-giants will be DOCTOR STRANGE, THE AVENGERS, THE INCREDIBLE HULK, DAREDEVIL, THE MIGHTY THOR, CAPTAIN AMERICA, MARVEL TEAM-UP and MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE, CONAN THE BARBARIAN, MASTER OF KUNG FU, THE DEFENDERS, LUKE CAGE, and the wondrous wall-crawler, SPIDER-MAN! These bombastic blockbusters are not to be

missed. Unless you want us to go broke, that is!

ITEM! Just a quick word or three about the greatest stamp sensations this side of the Asgard Post Office. Our second sensational set of value stamps has proven the instant success we hoped it'd be, even though we forgot to tell you that there is a special, super-secret stamp number 100 that we're waiting to spring on you unannounced one of these days. It'll only appear in one mag, and the only thing we promise you is that it will not be in a rollickin' reprint title, but in an all-original regular-size comic. It's up to you Faithful Ones to keep an eagle-eye out for number 100. You have been warned.

ITEM! This is the month that the much-heralded TOMB OF DRACULA and DOCTOR STRANGE crossover takes place with Marvelous MARV WOLFMAN doing the scripting chores on T.O.D. as usual, leading into a frightful finale in the mystic Mage's own mag, scripted by Stainless STEVE ENGLEHART. Art on both books by

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AND THE
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EVERYBODY LIE DOWN. WE'RE GONNA STEAL ALL THE TWINKIES.

YOU! GO DOWN TO THE STORE-ROOM. BRING UP ALL THE **HOSTESS TWINKIES**!

LITTLE DO THEY KNOW THAT **HOSTESS TWINKIES** ARE NEVER STORED AWAY...

THEY'RE ALWAYS FRESH ON THE **HOSTESS** DISPLAY. I'LL STAY UP HERE AND WAIT. THEY'LL HAVE TO COME DOWN SOON TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENED TO PARKER!

WHAT'S KEEPING THAT GUY SO LONG? I CAN'T WAIT. I WANT MORE **HOSTESS TWINKIES**. I'M GOING DOWNSTAIRS!

THAT'S NOT WISE. I CAN'T CONTROL ALL OF THESE PEOPLE BY MYSELF!

I DON'T CARE. I CAN'T WAIT. I MUST HAVE THOSE DELICIOUS **HOSTESS TWINKIES**!

I'M GOING TO DOUBLE-CROSS MY PARTNER AND KEEP ALL THE **TWINKIES** TO MYSELF. GAD, I'M EVIL!

HA! THIS WILL BE THE END OF YOUR TWINKIE TAKING!

WE CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT. DROP YOUR GUN. WE NEVER SHOULD HAVE TRIED ANYTHING SO EVIL AS TO ROB A STORE. ESPECIALLY OF **TWINKIES**. I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN.

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN. THERE ARE TOO MANY GOOD PEOPLE JUST WAITING TO ENJOY THAT **GOLDEN SPONGE CAKE** WITH **CREAMY FILLING** INSIDE. WHAT COULD BE MORE DELICIOUS THAN **HOSTESS TWINKIES**?

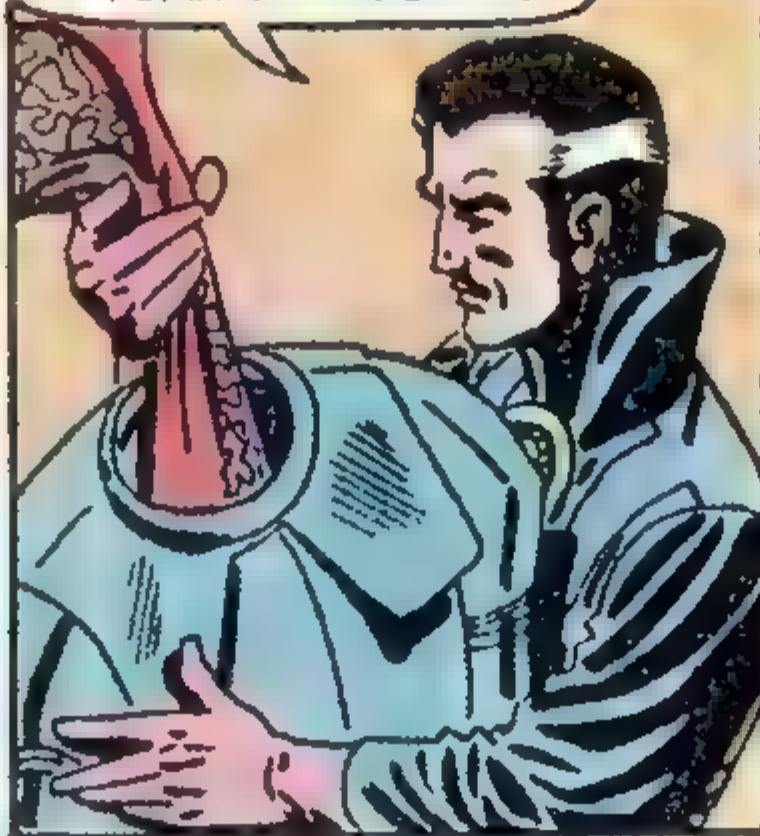
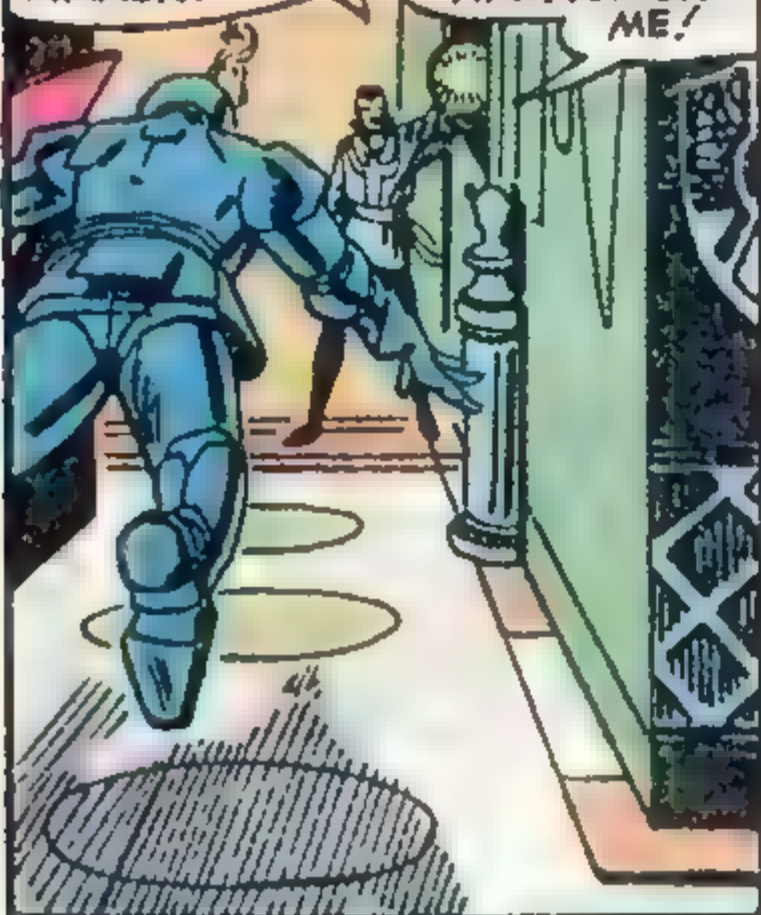
STAY AWAY FROM THE TWINKIES!

NEXT, I MUST MOVE WITH DELIBERATE SPEED, BEFORE MORDO'S NEXT ATTACK!

BY THE POWER OF MY FLOATING CAPE, LET THAT SUIT OF ARMOR APPROACH ME!

I WAS LUCKY MY RUSE WORKED! BY QUICKLY PUTTING MY CLOAK OF LEVITATION WITHIN THE ARMOR, AND THUS MAKING IT MOVE, I HOPED MORDO WOULD THINK I WAS INSIDE! AND MY PLAN SUCCEEDED!

BUT ONCE AGAIN, I MUST DO THE UNEXPECTED! MORDO'S EVIL SPIRITS MUST BE ABOUT TO ATTACK ME AT THIS VERY MOMENT! THEY WILL NOT FIND ME UNPREPARED!



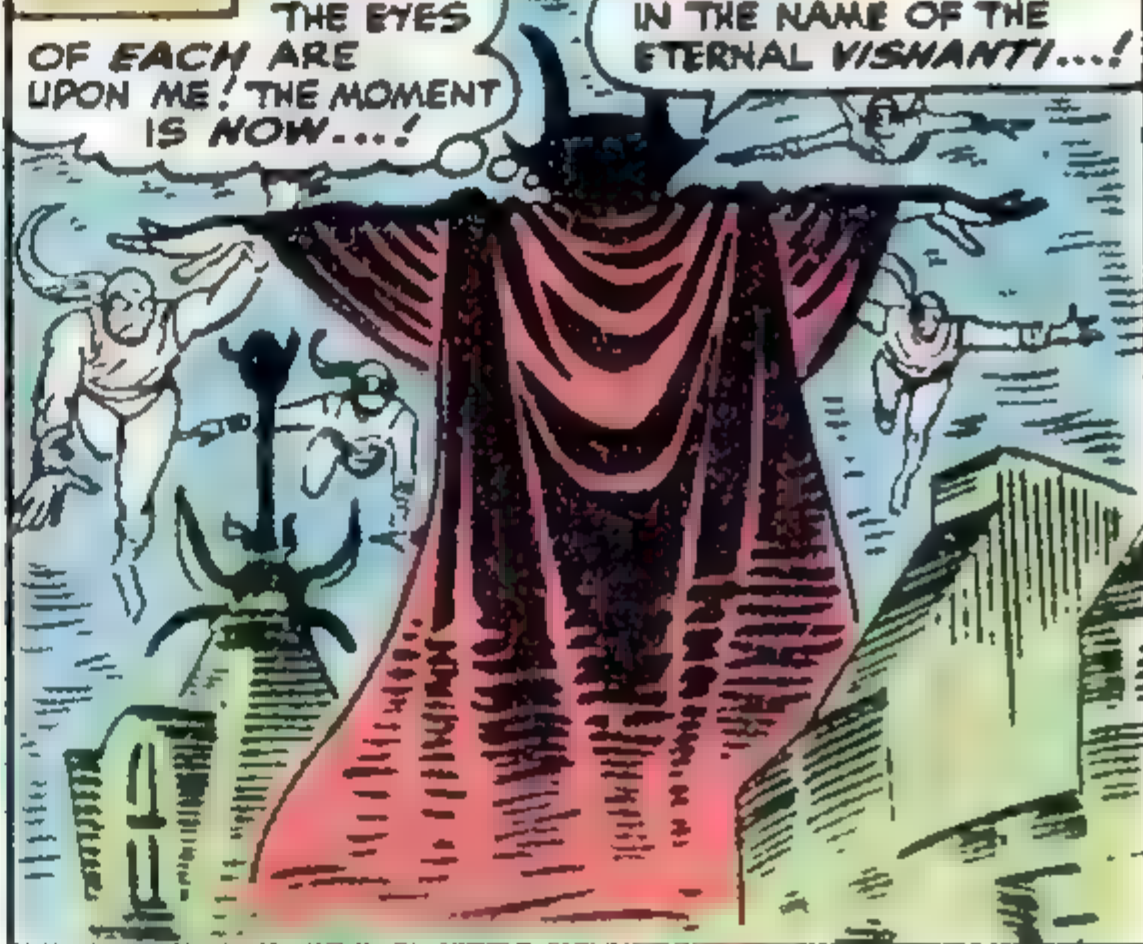
THEY WILL EXPECT ME TO TRY TO FLEE! THEY WILL BE READY TO PURSUE ME! BUT, I SHALL HOLD MY GROUND! I SHALL FACE THEM! IT IS THE ONE THING THEY SHALL NOT EXPECT!



THUS, A SPLIT-SECOND LATER, THE ADVENT OF MORDO'S EVIL SPIRITS IS HALTED! HALTED BY THE AWESOME, UNFLINCHING FORM WHICH RISES BEFORE THEM ...

THE EYES OF EACH ARE UPON ME! THE MOMENT IS NOW ...!

IN THE NAME OF THE ETERNAL VISHANTI ...!

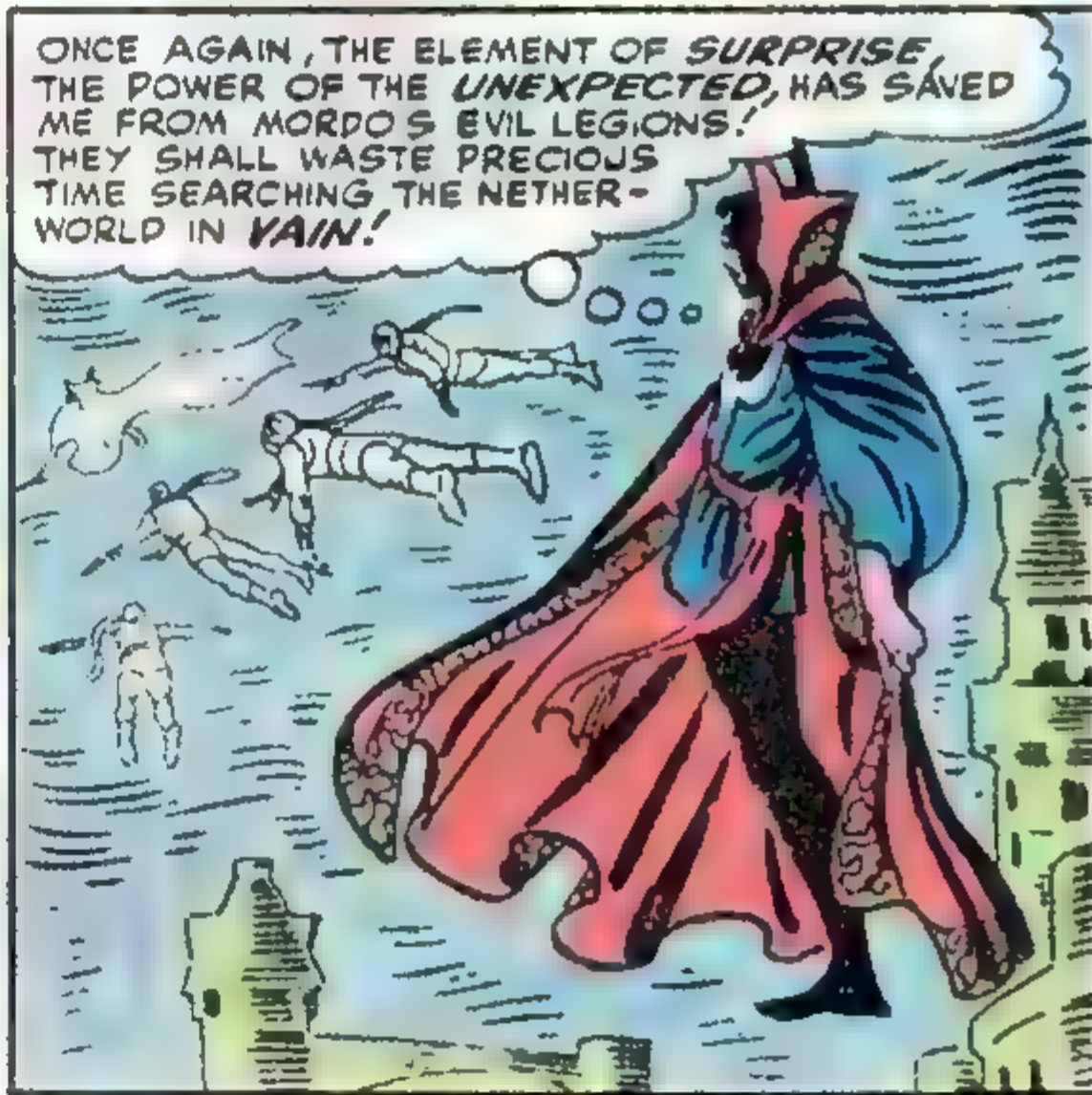


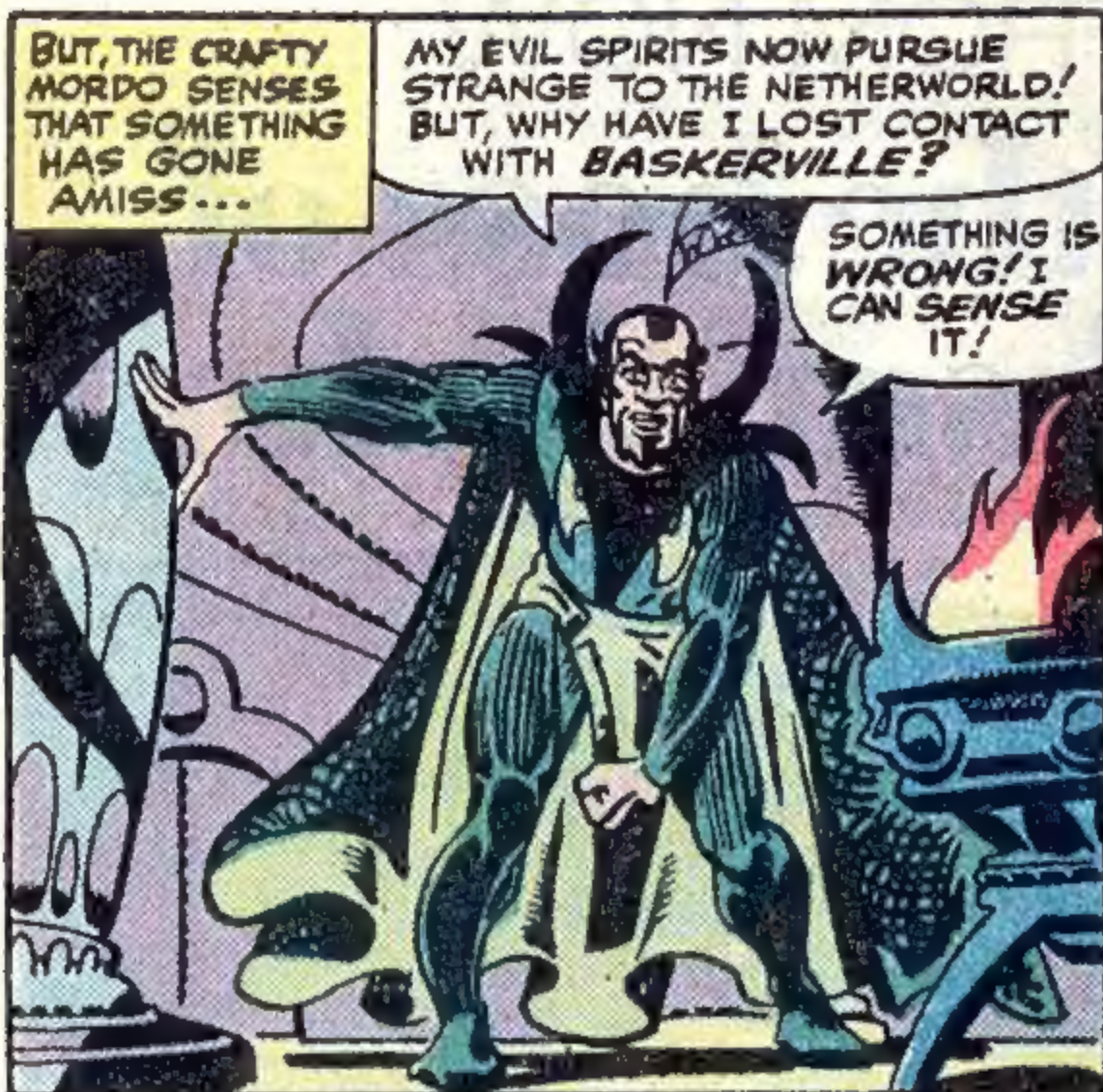
... I CLAIM COMPLETE CONTROL OVER YOUR MINDS AND THOUGHTS!! NO OTHER COMMAND CAN SUPERCEDE MINE! THE THOUGHT I NOW GIVE YOU WILL BECOME YOUR OWN!



DR. STRANGE HAS FLED TO THE NETHERWORLD! YOU MUST FOLLOW HIM THERE!

ONCE AGAIN, THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE, THE POWER OF THE UNEXPECTED, HAS SAVED ME FROM MORDO'S EVIL LEGIONS! THEY SHALL WASTE PRECIOUS TIME SEARCHING THE NETHER-WORLD IN VAIN!





BUT, THE CRAFTY MORDO SENSES THAT SOMETHING HAS GONE AMISS...

MY EVIL SPIRITS NOW PURSUE STRANGE TO THE NETHERWORLD! BUT, WHY HAVE I LOST CONTACT WITH BASKERVILLE?

SOMETHING IS WRONG! I CAN SENSE IT!



I MUST GO TO THE CASTLE IN PERSON! BUT FIRST, I SHALL ARM MYSELF BY ABSORBING AS MUCH OF DORMAMMU'S POWER AS I CAN!

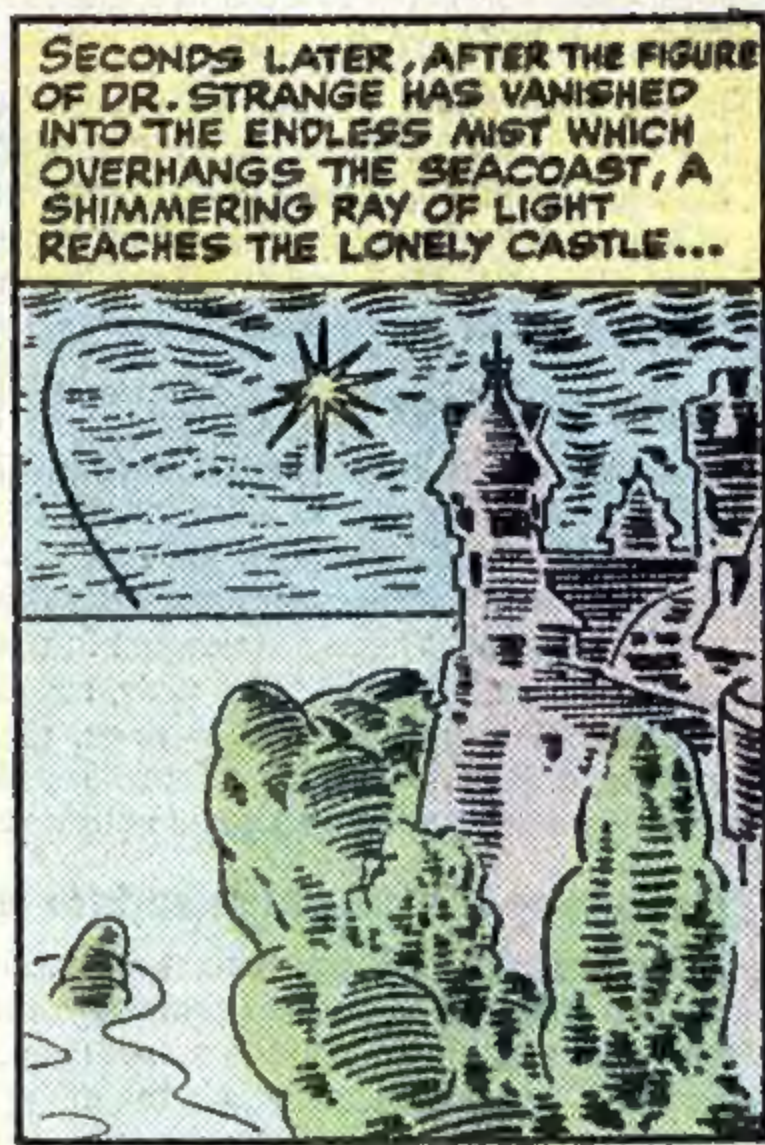


BUT, BEFORE BARON MORDO CAN REACH THE SCENE...

I HAVE WON THIS ENCOUNTER WITH MORDO! I OUT-MANEUVERED HIM AT EVERY TURN!



AND YET, MY VICTORY IS NOT REALLY A VICTORY AT ALL! FOR, MY FIRST ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE OF "ETERNITY" HAS ENDED IN COMPLETE FAILURE FOR ME!



SECONDS LATER, AFTER THE FIGURE OF DR. STRANGE HAS VANISHED INTO THE ENDLESS MIST WHICH OVERHANGS THE SEACOAST, A SHIMMERING RAY OF LIGHT REACHES THE LONELY CASTLE...



...AND MORDO AT LAST REALIZES HIS TRAP HAS FAILED!

STRANGE IS GONE! HE SLIPPED THROUGH THE FINGERS OF MY DISCIPLE, AND MY EVIL SPIRITS!



AND SO, MY SEARCH BEGINS ANEW! BUT, I GROW STRONGER WITH EACH PASSING HOUR! NEXT TIME THE TRIUMPH SHALL BE MINE! IT MUST BE MINE!



FOR I SHALL NEVER REST UNTIL DR. STRANGE EXISTS NO MORE! THIS, DO I, BARON MORDO, SOLEMNLY VOW!

AND SO, THE MISTS CLOSE OVER THE FOG-SHROUDED SEACOAST, AND THE WORDS OF THE EVIL ONE ARE LOST IN THE MURMURING OF THE MIDNIGHT BREEZE...

THE END

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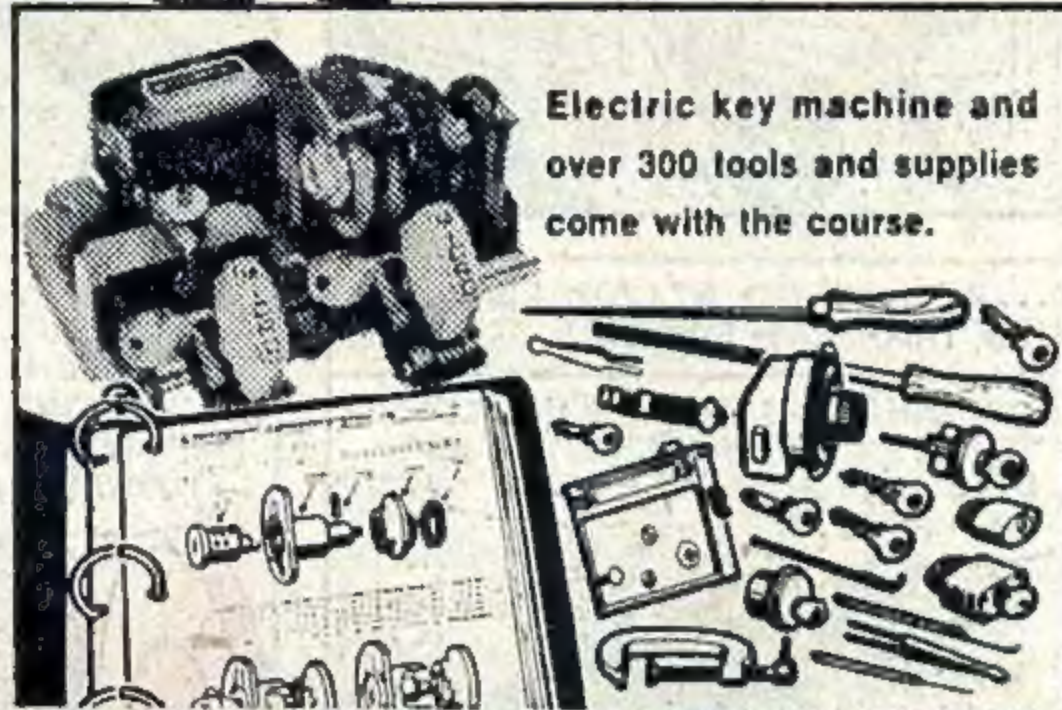
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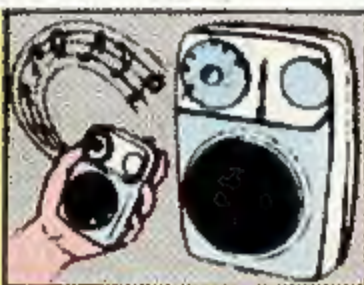
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